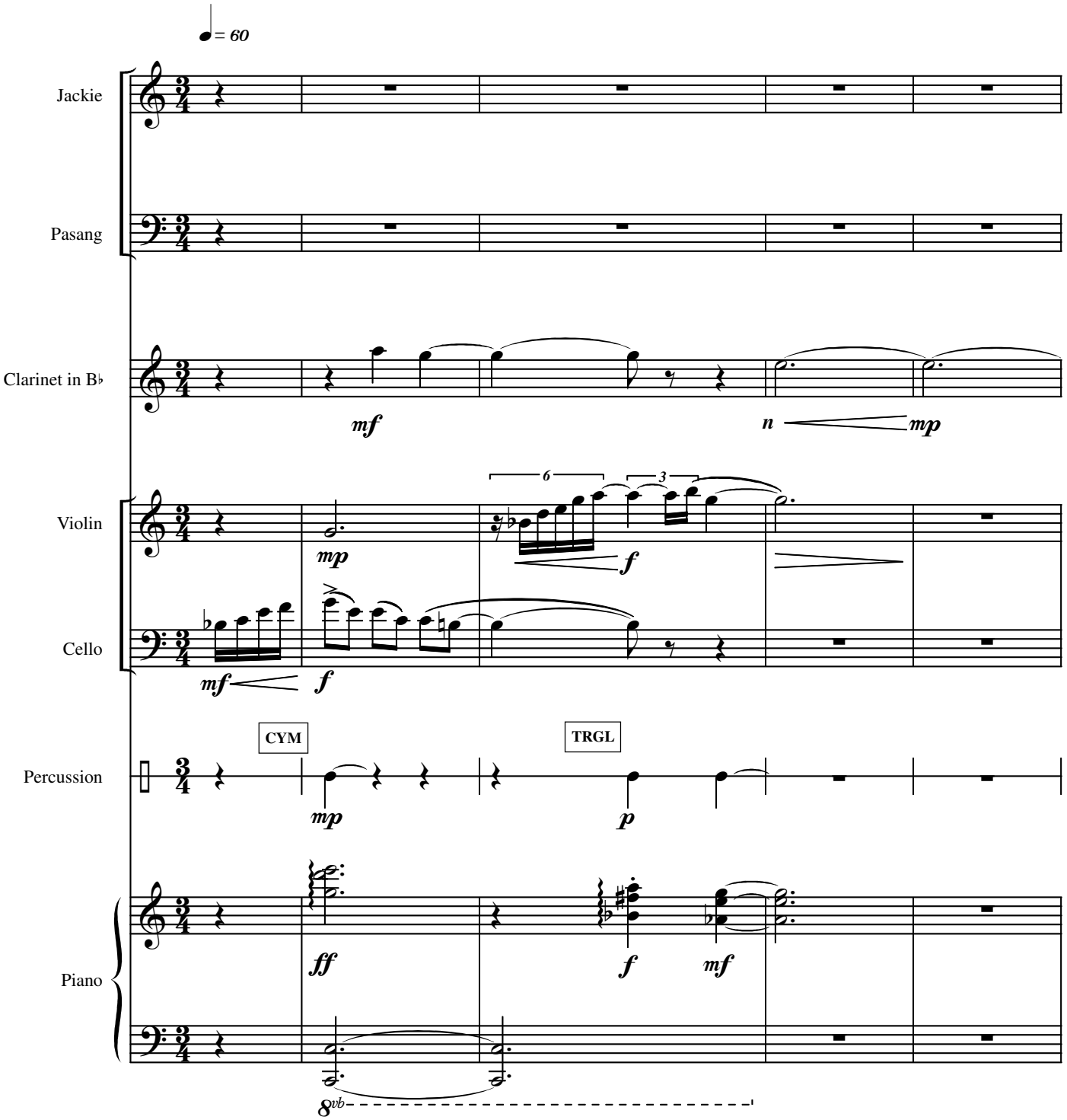
Mother Everest

music: Abigail Richardson
text: Marjorie Chan

Just below the summit of Everest, on the South Summit Ridge - 28,000 feet in the air



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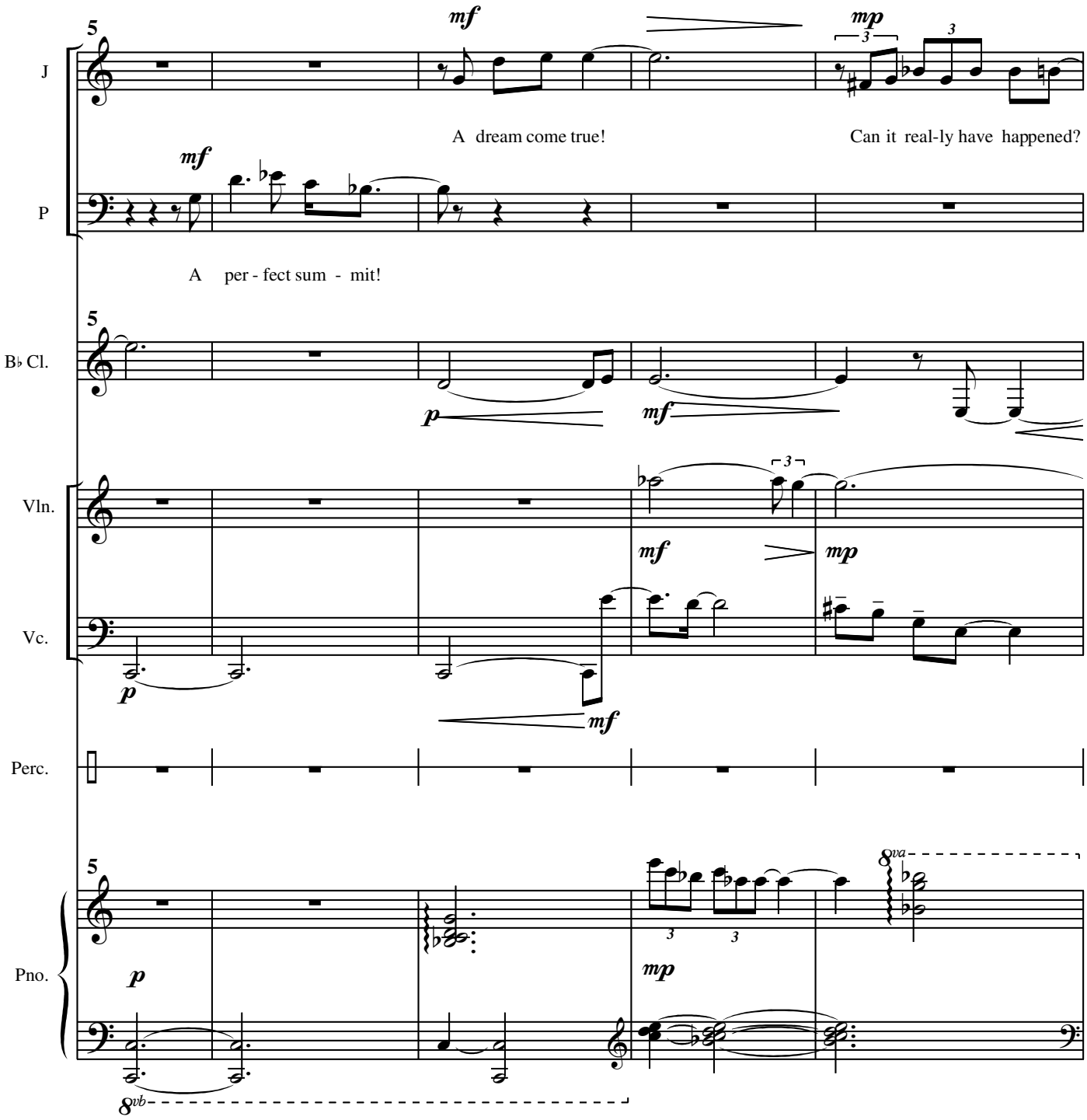
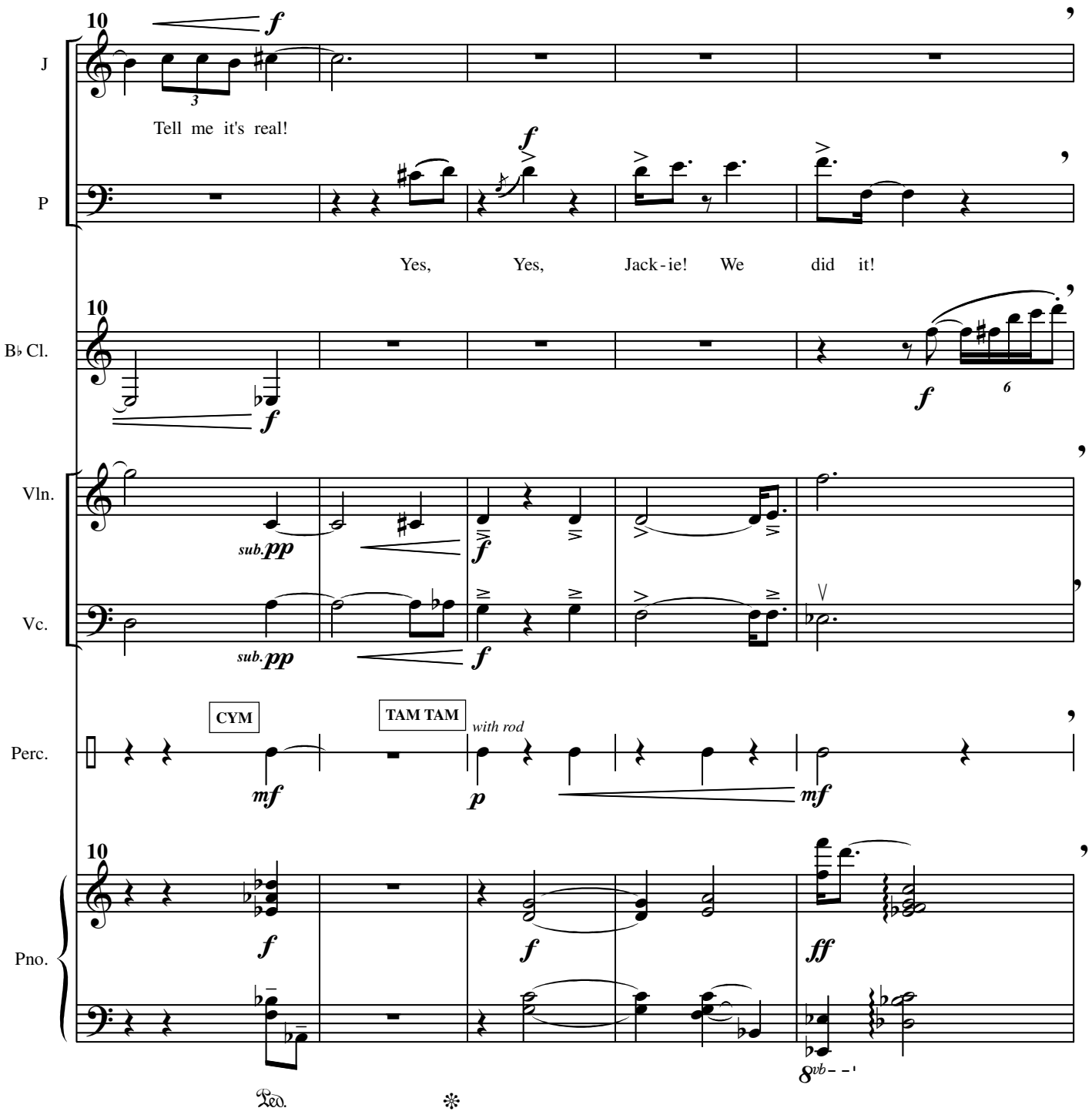
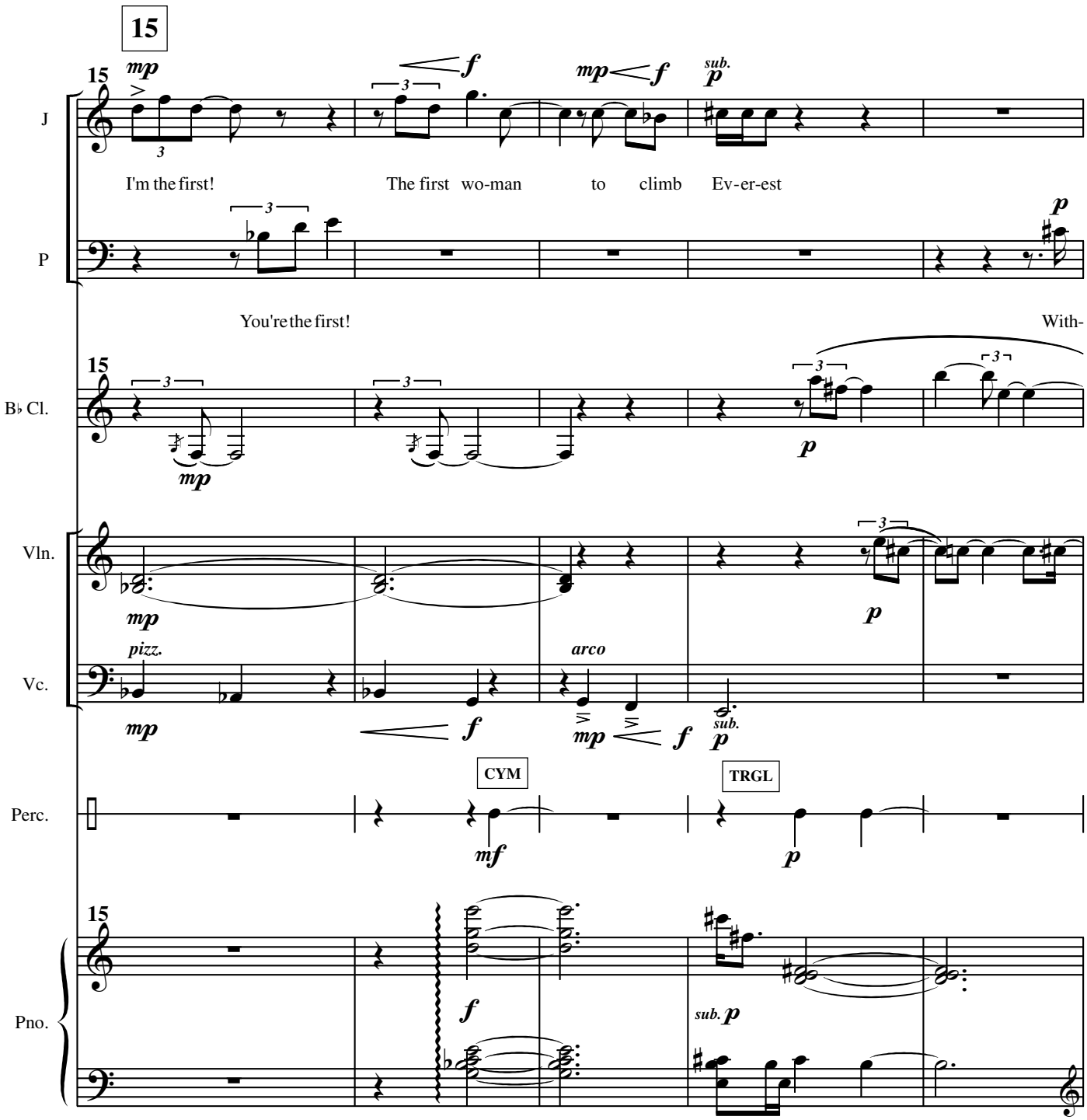
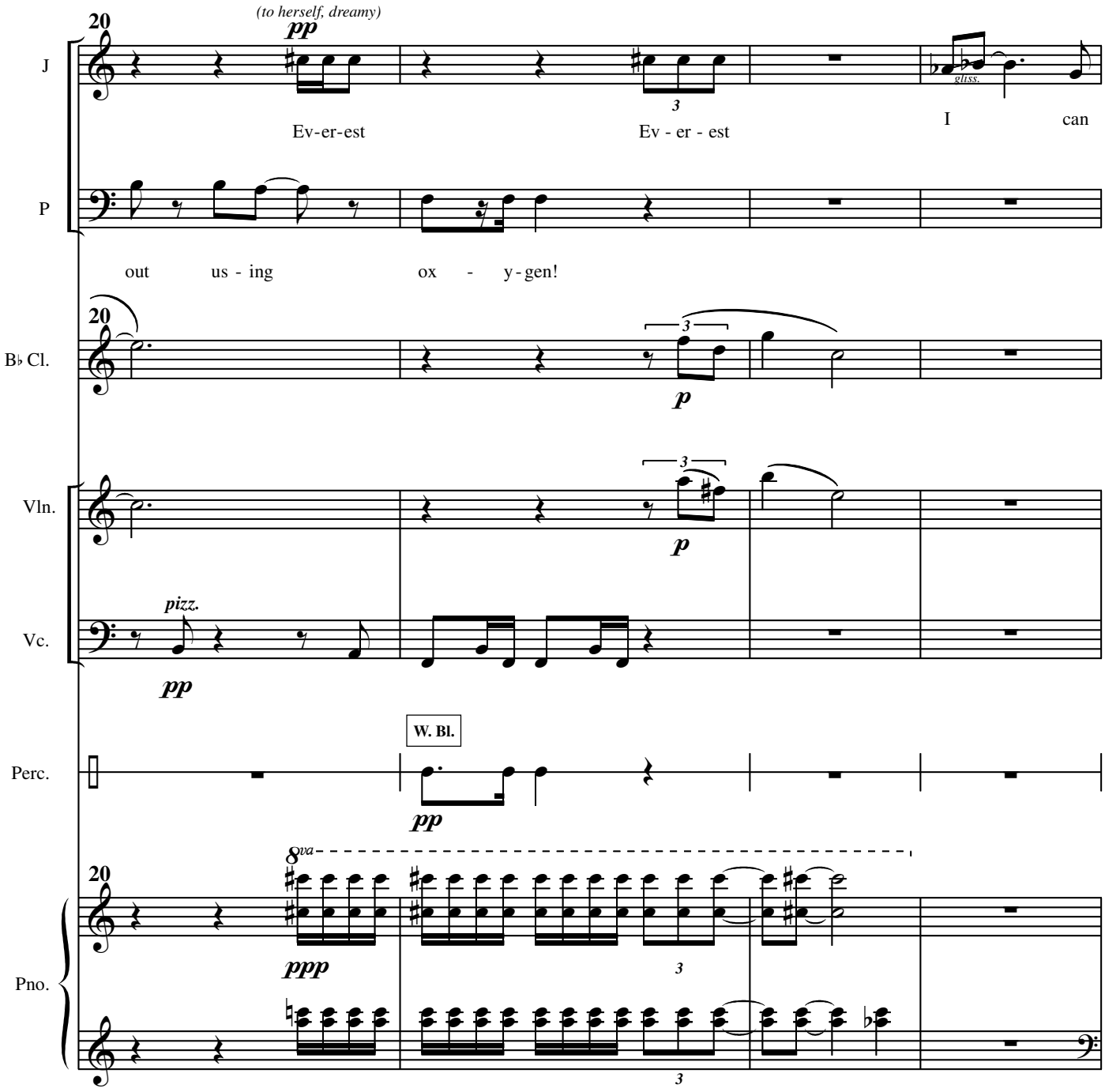
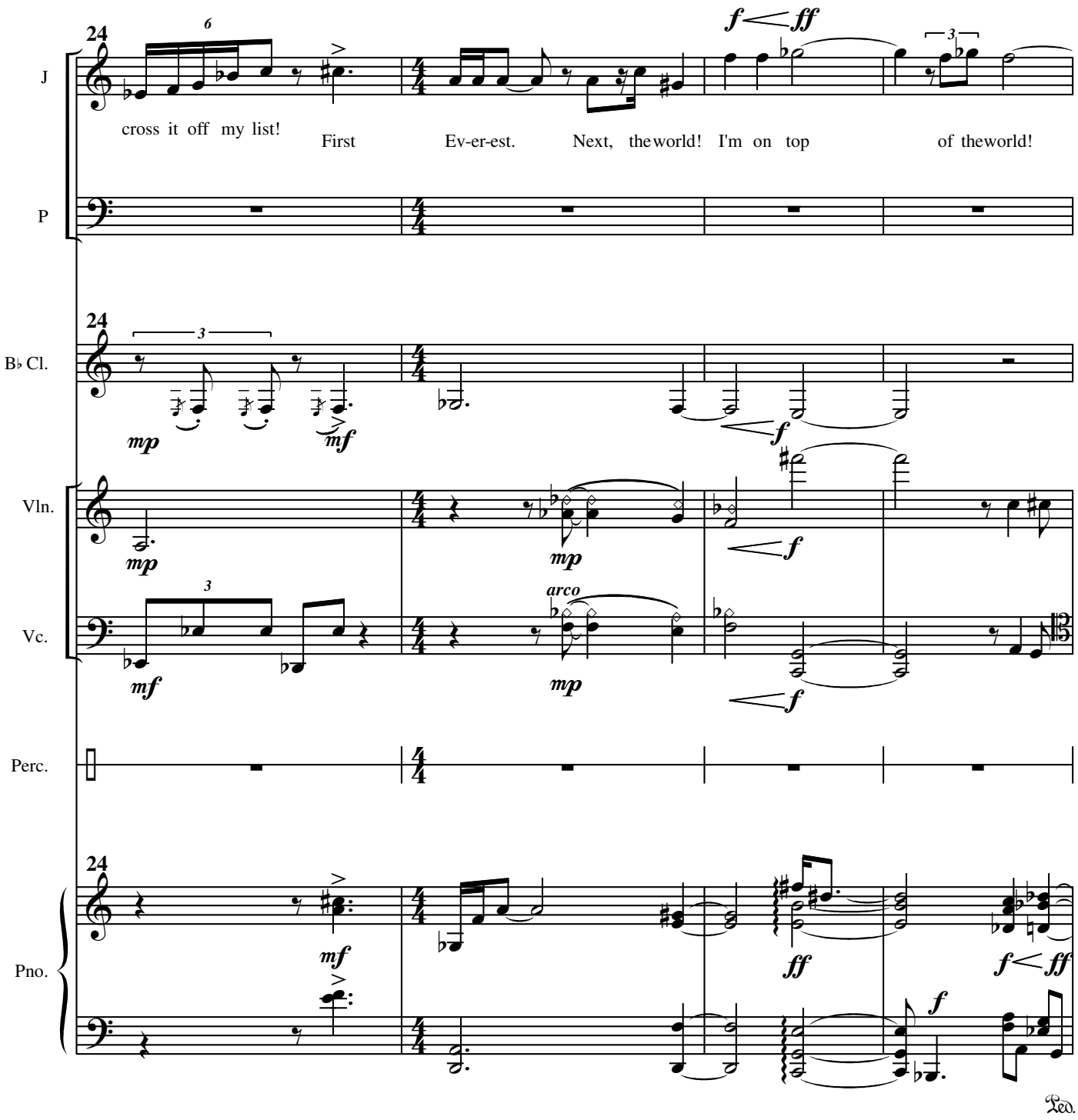
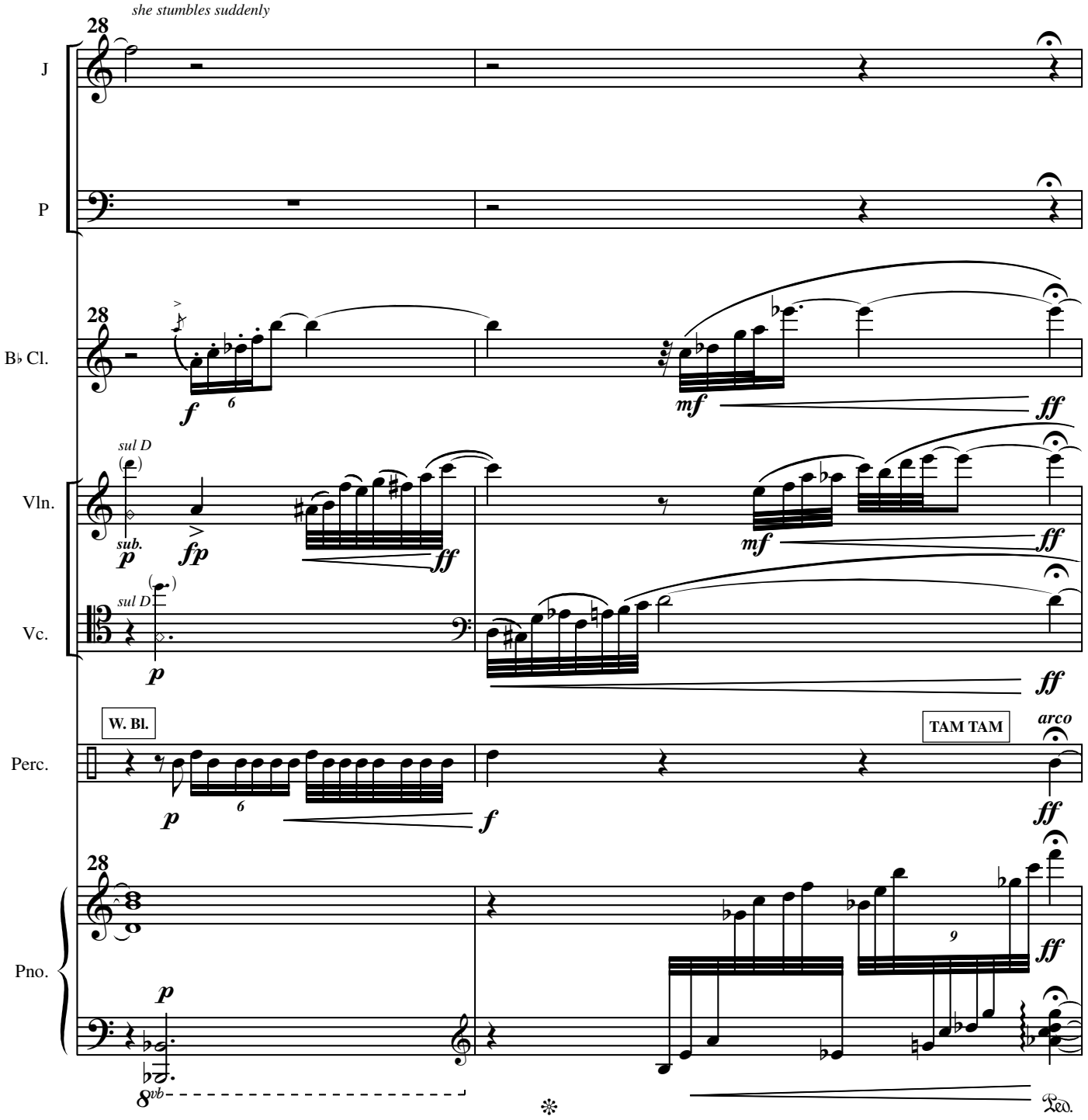

5
mf
mp
3
3
J
A dream come true!
Can it real-ly have happened?
mf
P
A per - fect sum - mit!
5
B♭ Cl.
p
mf
Vln.
3
mf
mp
Vc.
p
mf
Perc.
5
8va
Pno.
p
3
3
mp
8vb

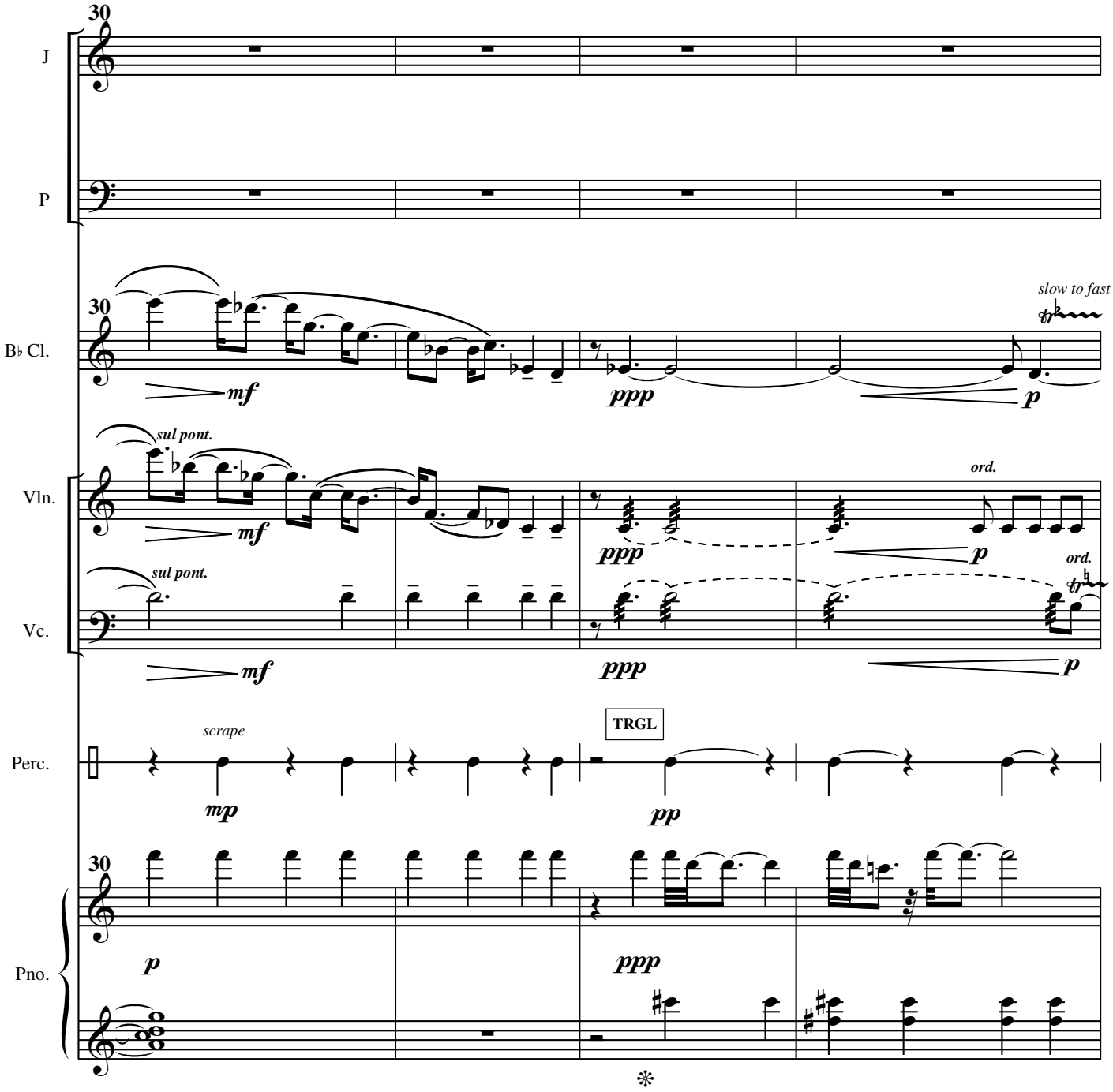

10
J
Tell me it's real!
P
Yes, Yes, Jack-ie! We did it!
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
sub. pp
Perc.
CYM
TAM TAM
with rod
Pno.
Ped.

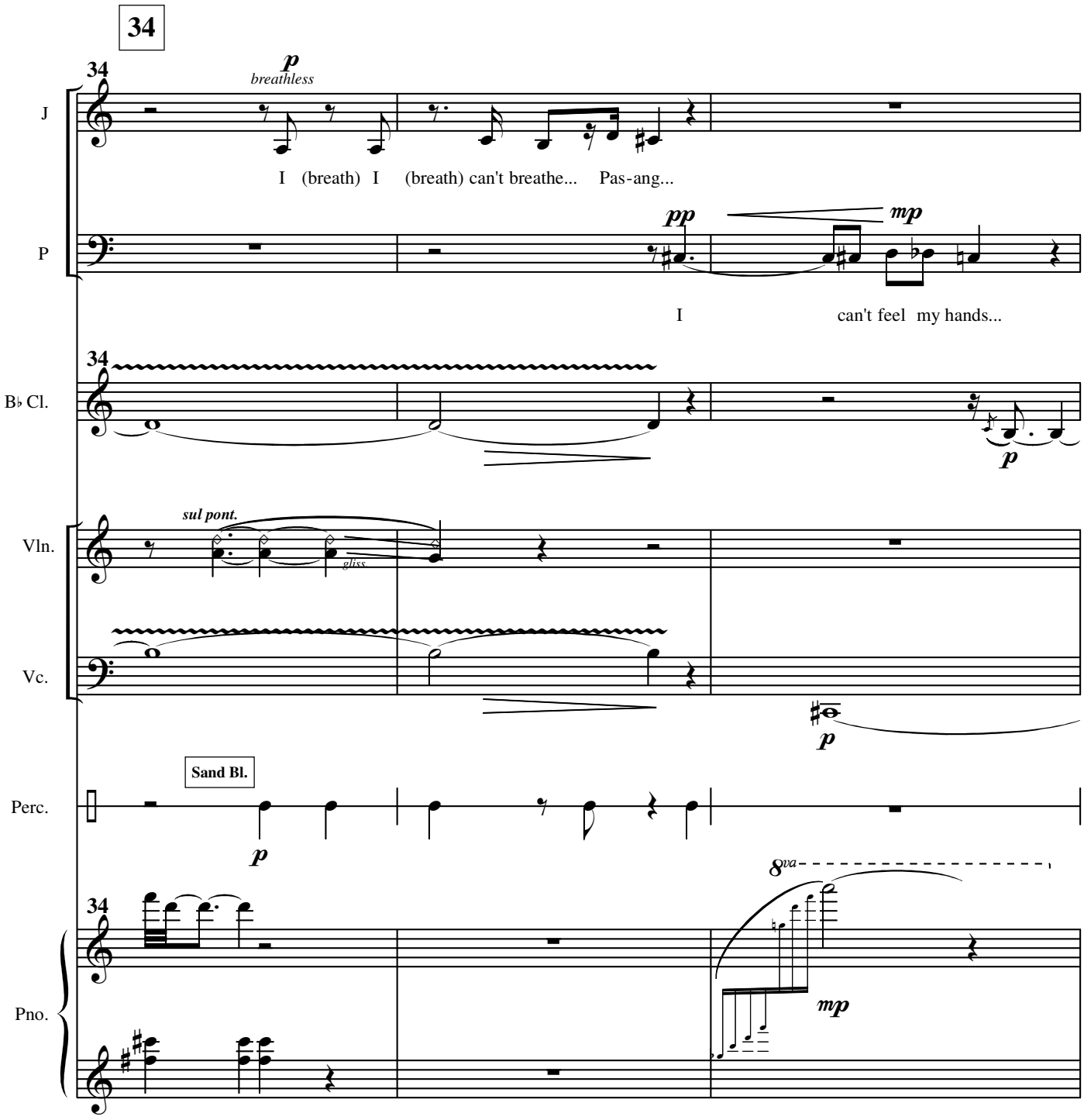

15
15
mp
f
mp
f
sub.
p
J
I'm the first!
The first wo-man
to
climb
Ev-er-est
P
p
You're the first!
With-
15
B♭ Cl.
mp
p
Vln.
mp
p
pizz.
arco
Vc.
mp
f
mp
f
sub.
p
CYM
TRGL
Perc.
mf
p
15
Pno.
f
sub. p

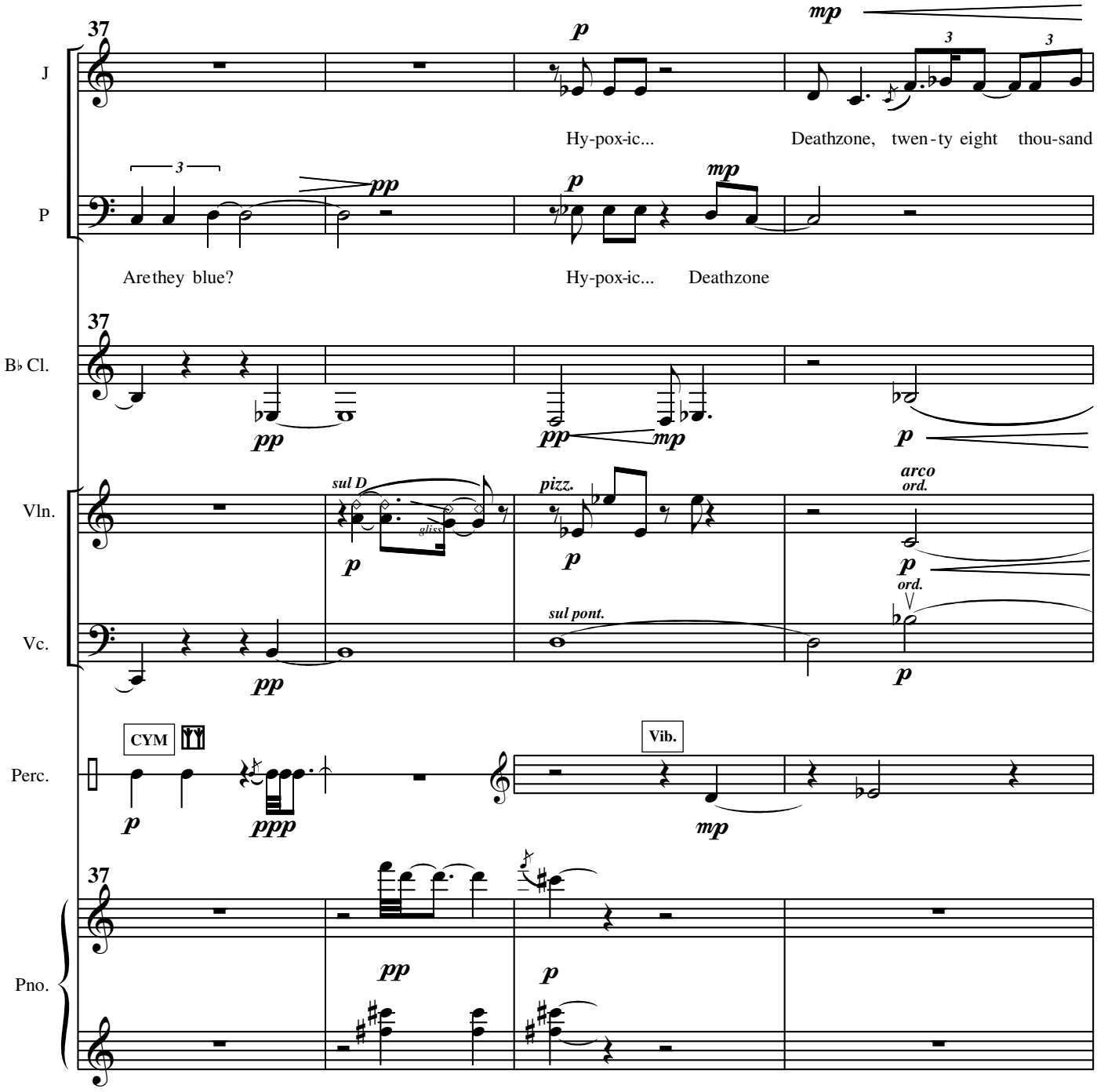

20
(to herself, dreamy)
pp
J
Ev-er-est
Ev - er - est
gliss.
I can
P
out us - ing ox - y - gen!
B♭ Cl.
p
Vln.
p
pizz.
Vc.
pp
W. Bl.
Perc.
pp
8va
ppp
Pno.

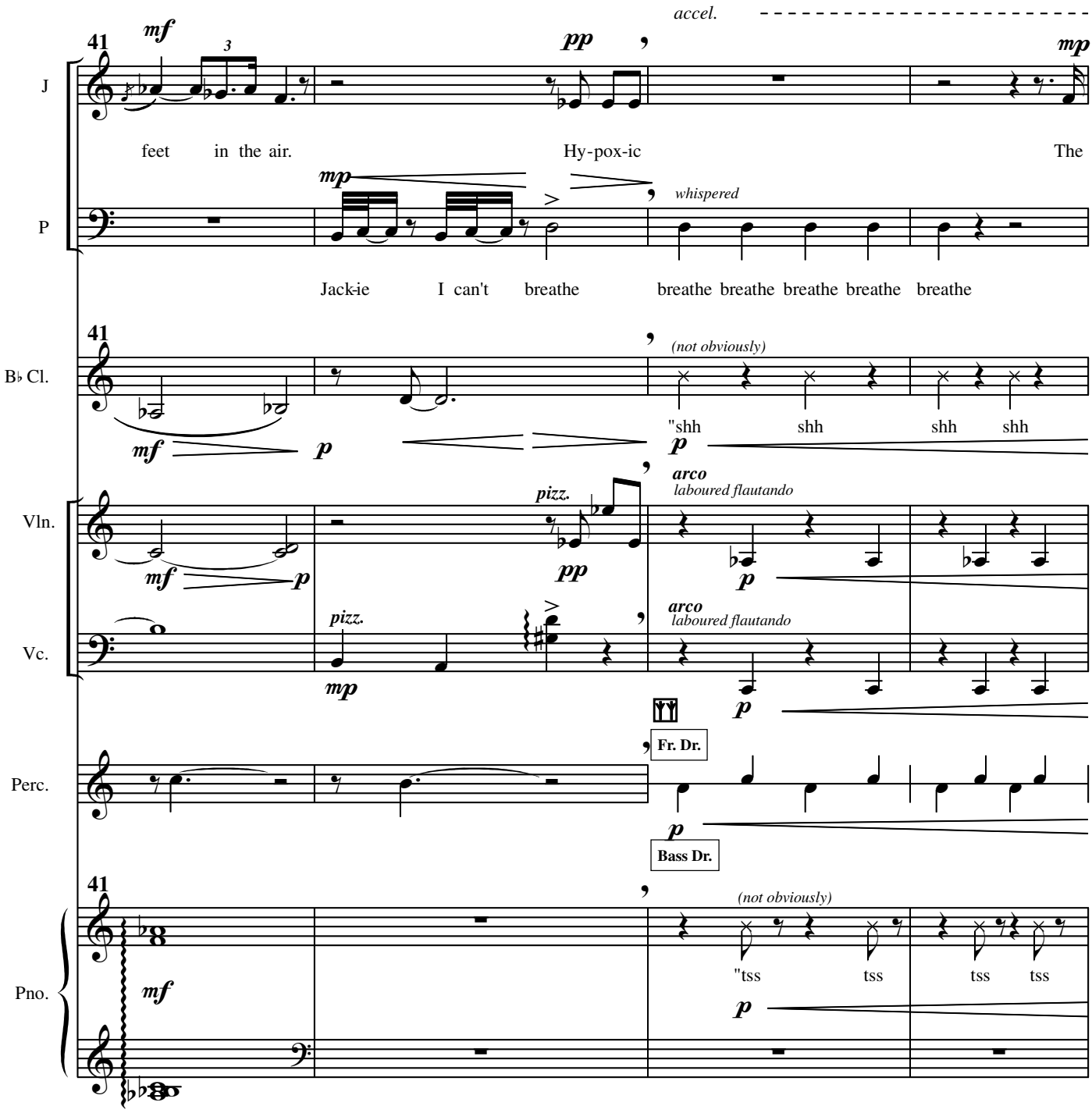

24
J
cross it off my list!
First
Ev-er-est.
Next, the world!
I'm on top
of the world!
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
arco
Perc.
Pno.
Ped.

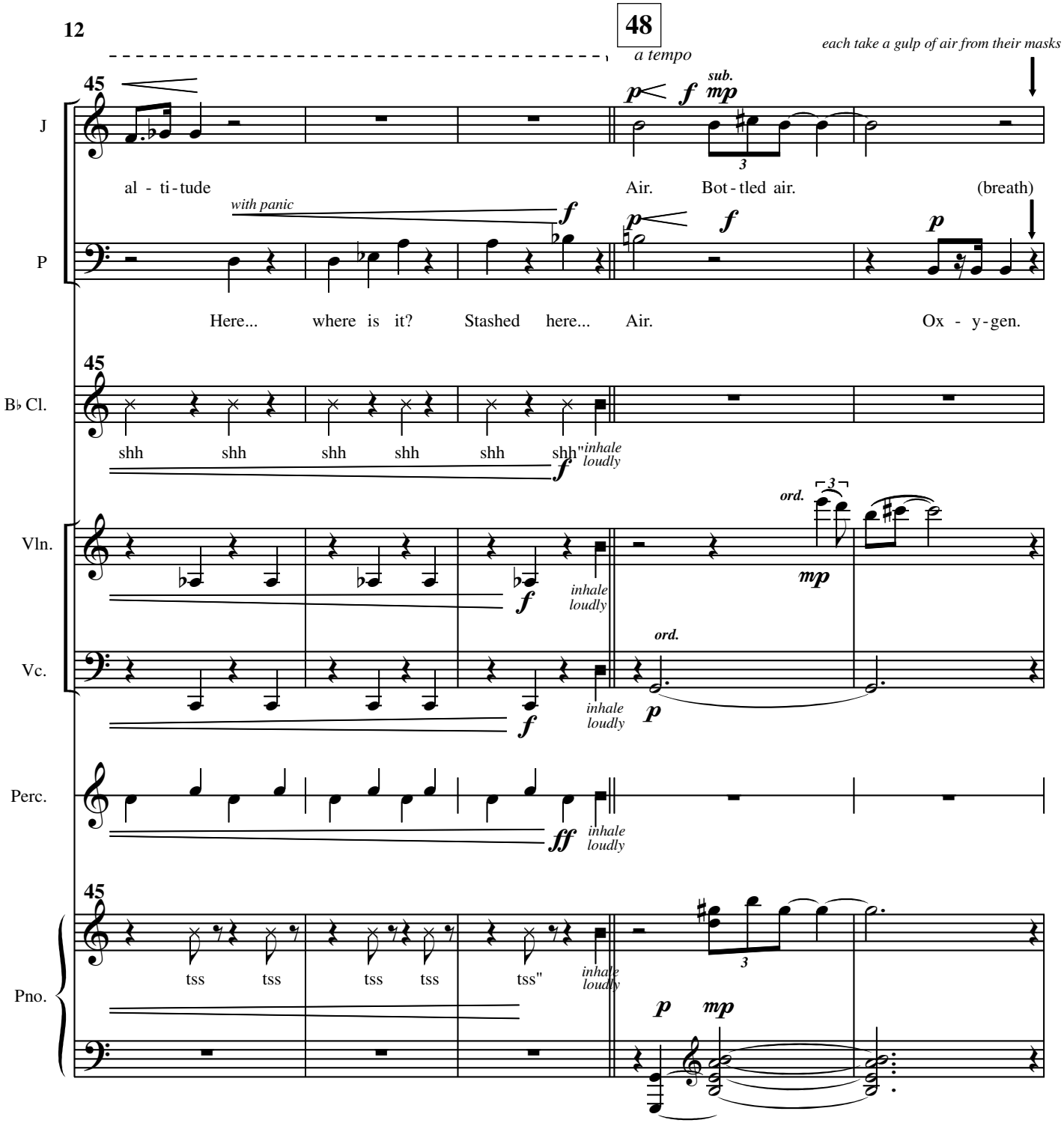

she stumbles suddenly
28
J
P
B♭ Cl.
sul D
Vln.
Vc.
W. Bl.
TAM TAM
arco
Perc.
Pno.
8vb
Ped.

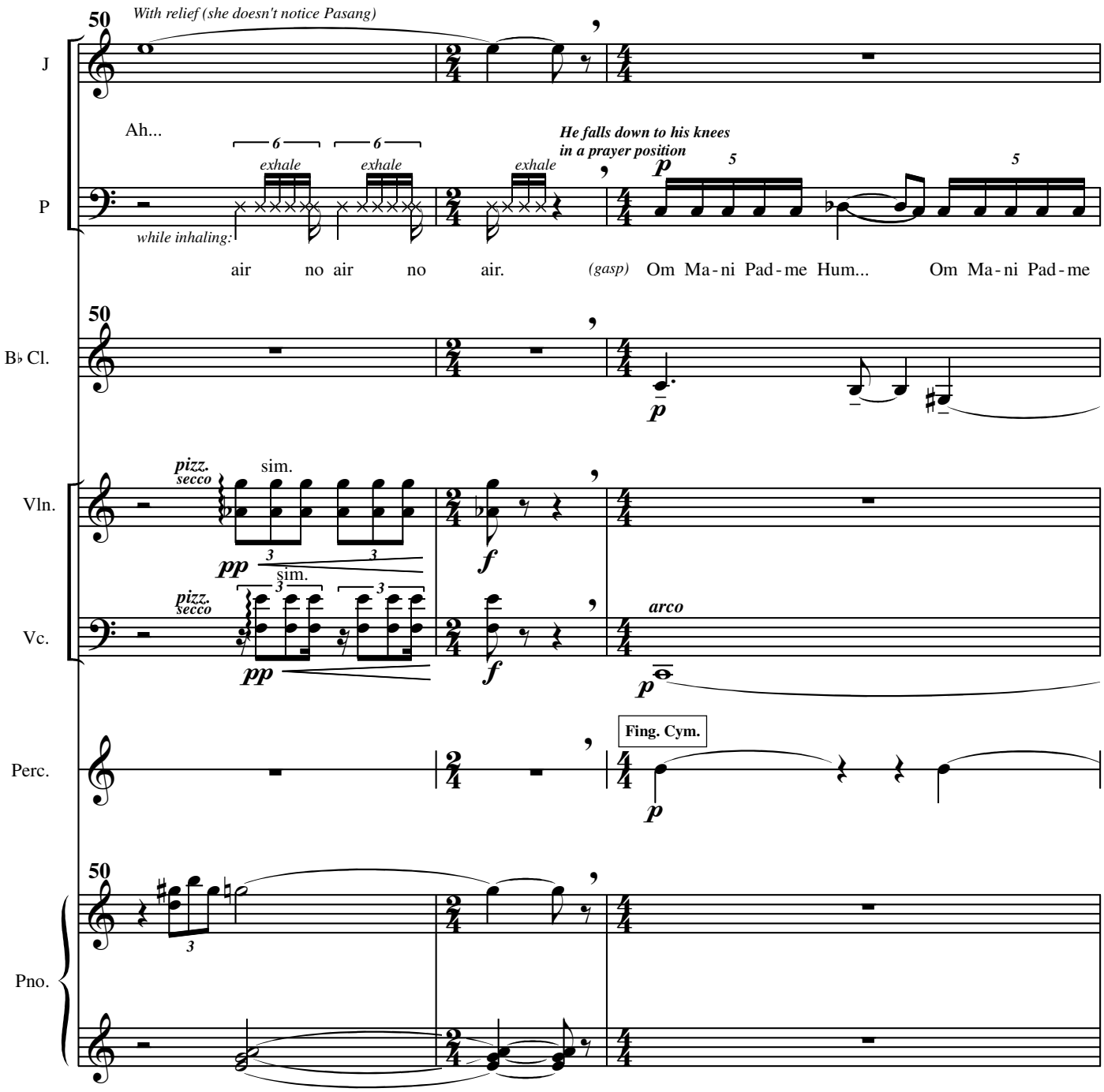

30
J
P
30
B♭ Cl.
mf
ppp
slow to fast
p
sul pont.
Vln.
mf
ppp
ord.
p
sul pont.
Vc.
mf
ppp
ord.
p
scrape
Perc.
mp
TRGL
pp
30
Pno.
p
ppp

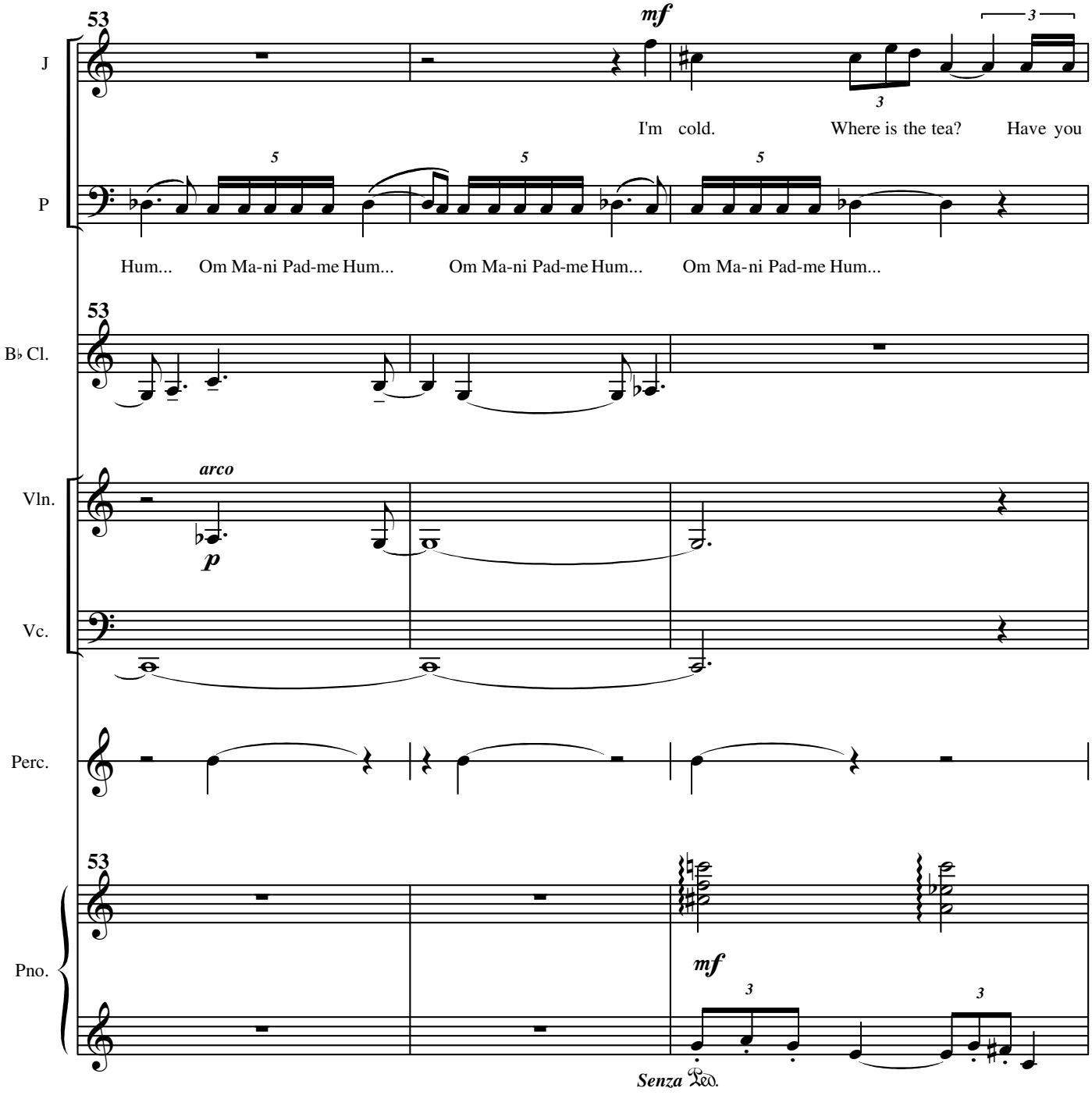

34
34
p
breathless
J
I (breath) I (breath) can't breathe... Pas-ang...
P
pp
mp
I can't feel my hands...
34
B♭ Cl.
p
sul pont.
gliss
Vln.
Vc.
p
Sand Bl.
Perc.
p
34
8va
Pno.
mp

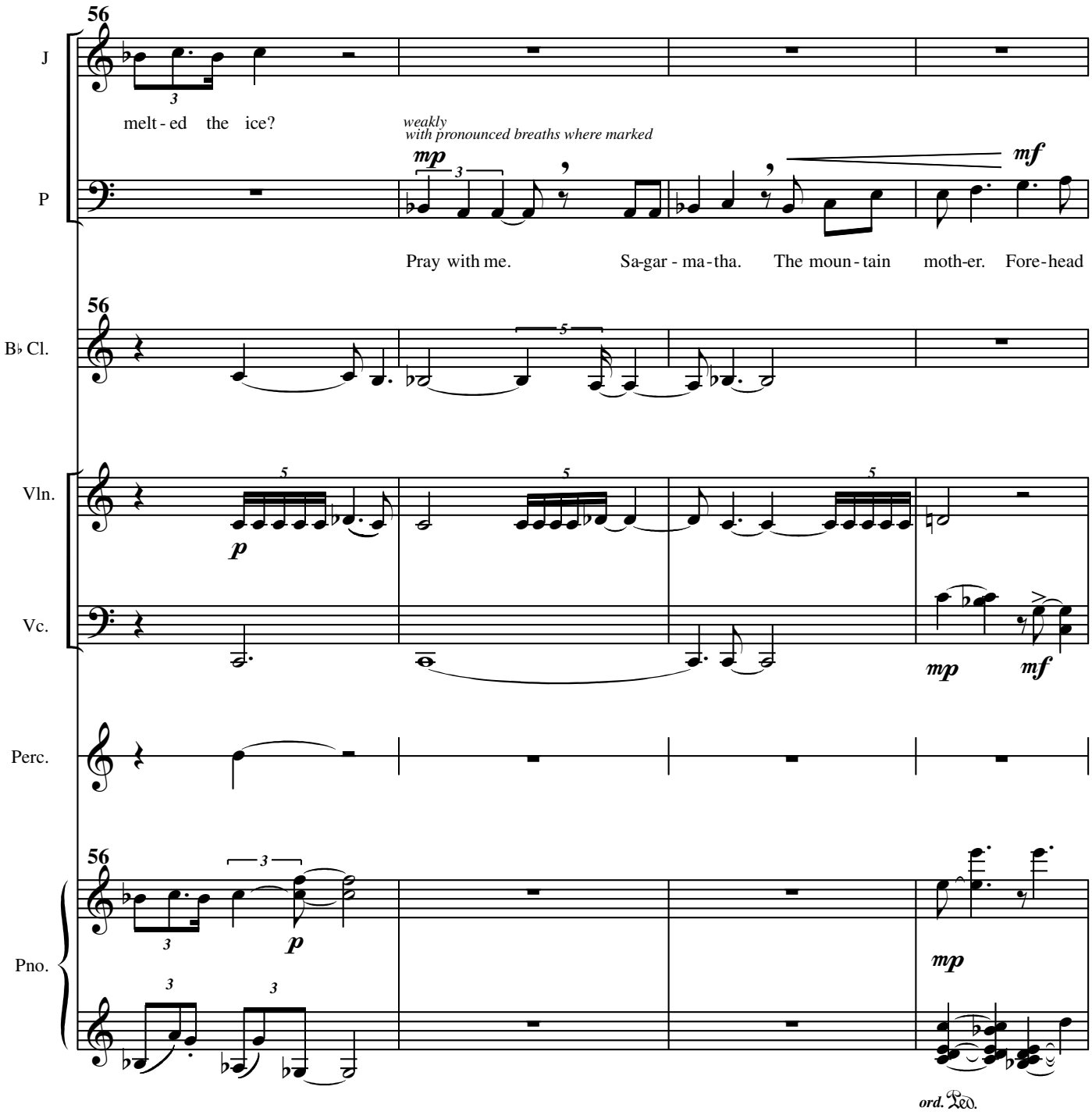

37
J
P
Hy-pox-ic...
Deathzone, twen-ty eight thou-sand
Are they blue?
Hy-pox-ic... Deathzone
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
sul D
gliss.
pizz.
arco
ord.
sul pont.
CYM
Vib.
Perc.
Pno.

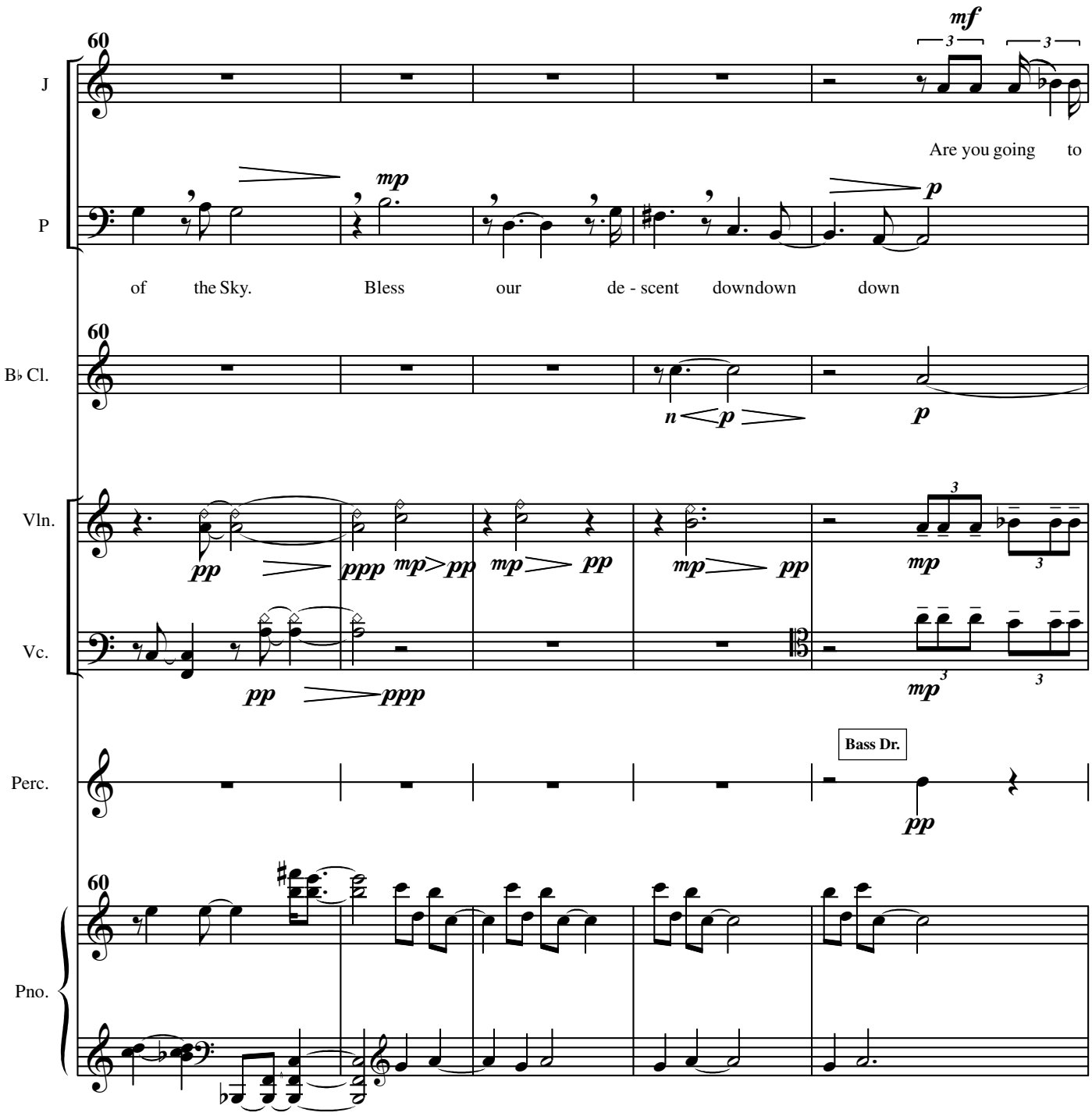

accel.
41
mf
3
pp
mp
J
feet in the air.
Hy-pox-ic
The
mp
whispered
P
Jack-ie I can't breathe breathe breathe breathe breathe breathe
41
(not obviously)
B♭ Cl.
"shh shh shh shh
mf
p
p
arco
laboured flautando
pizz.
Vln.
mf
p
pp
p
pizz.
arco
laboured flautando
Vc.
mp
p
Fr. Dr.
Perc.
p
Bass Dr.
41
(not obviously)
"tss tss tss tss
Pno.
mf
p

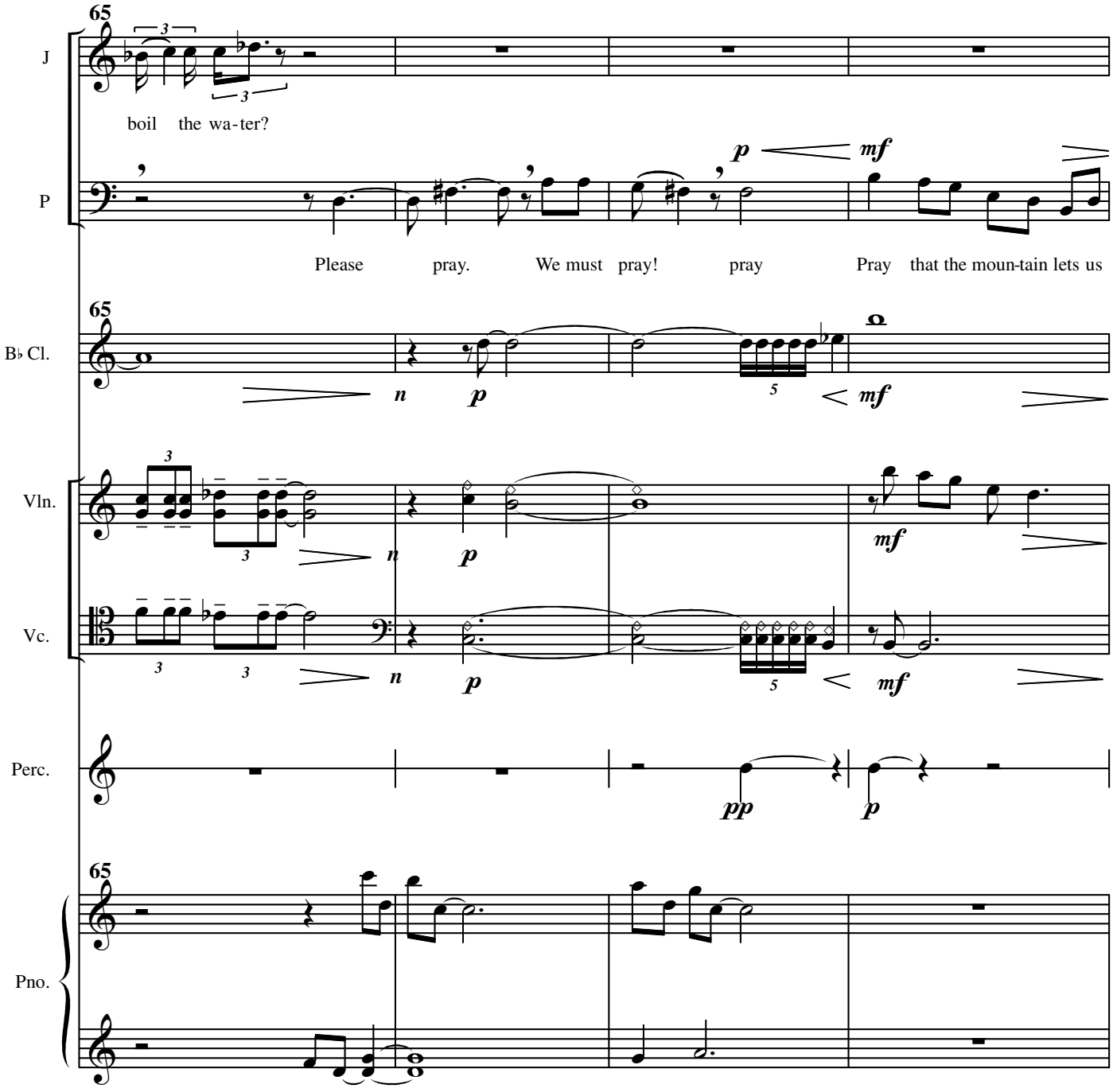

48
a tempo
each take a gulp of air from their masks
45
J
al - ti - tude
Air.
Bot - tled air.
(breath)
sub.
mp
with panic
P
Here... where is it? Stashed here... Air.
Ox - y - gen.
B♭ Cl.
shh shh shh shh shh shh"
inhale loudly
Vln.
Vc.
ord.
Perc.
Pno.
tss tss tss tss tss"

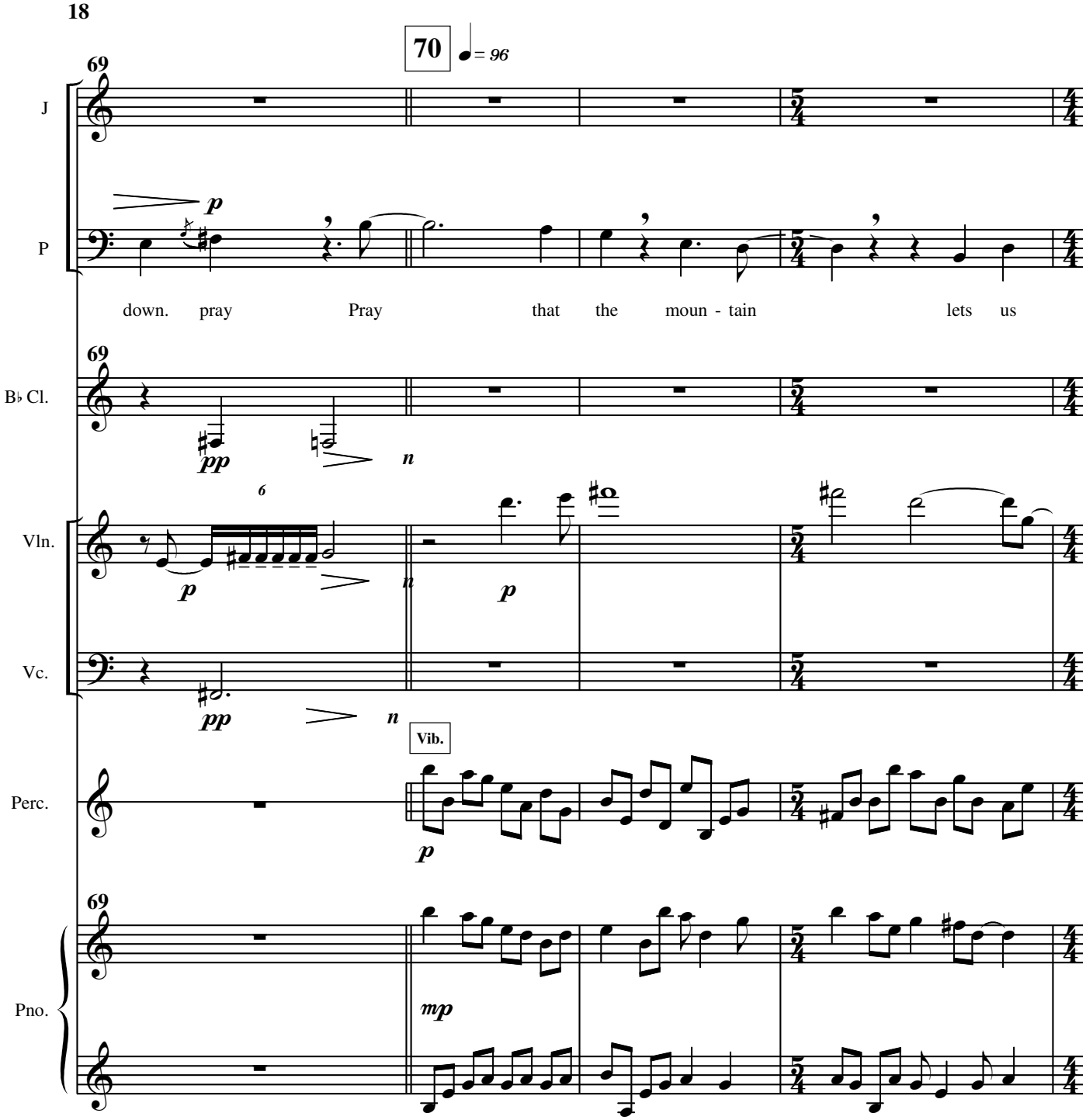

50
With relief (she doesn't notice Pasang)
J
Ah...
He falls down to his knees
in a prayer position
P
exhale
exhale
exhale
while inhaling:
air no air no air. (gasp) Om Ma-ni Pad-me Hum... Om Ma-ni Pad-me
B♭ Cl.
pizz.
secco
sim.
Vln.
Vc.
arco
Perc.
Fing. Cym.
Pno.

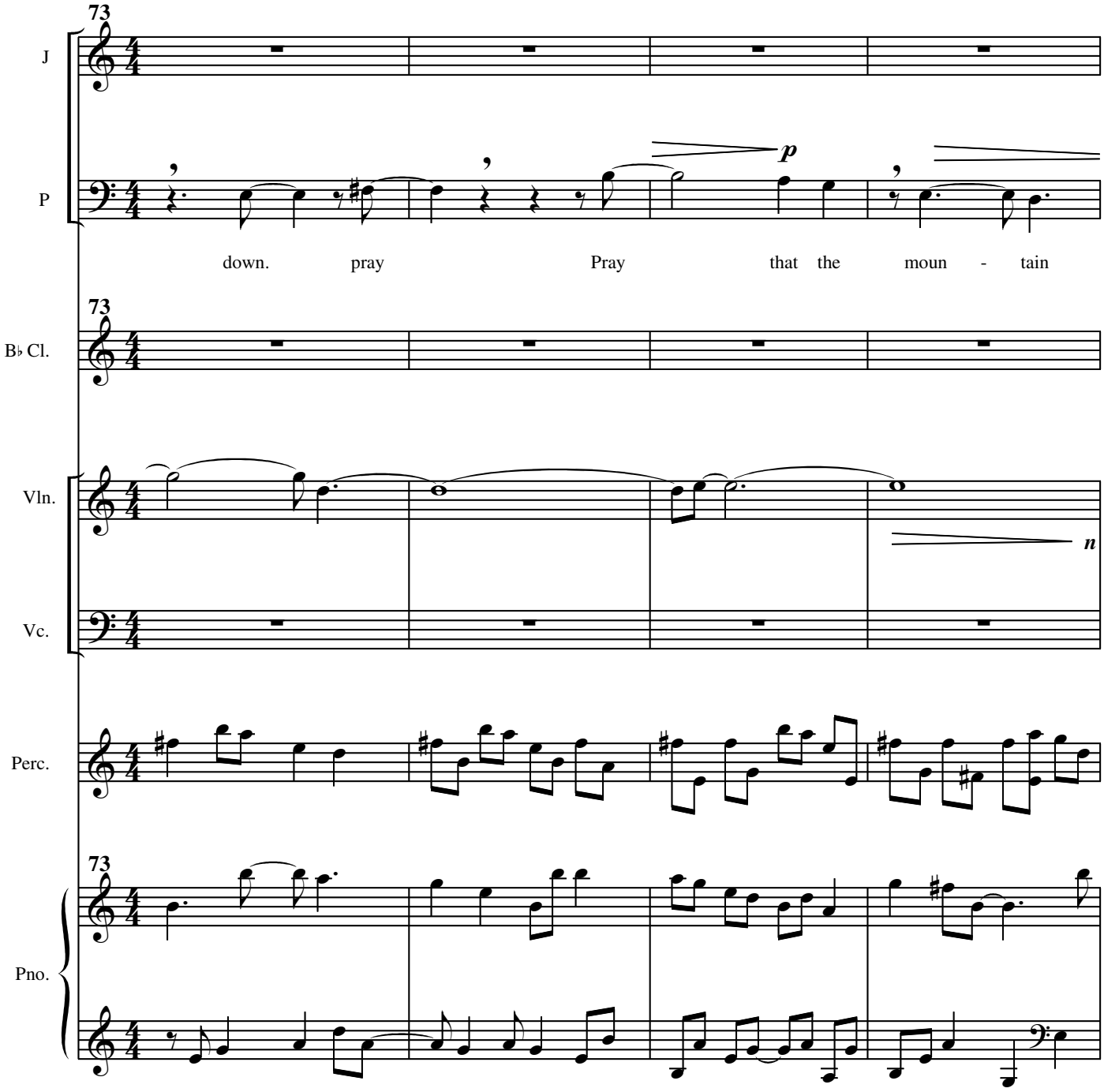

53
J
mf
3
I'm cold.
Where is the tea?
Have you
P
5
5
5
Hum...
Om Ma-ni Pad-me Hum...
Om Ma-ni Pad-me Hum...
Om Ma-ni Pad-me Hum...
53
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
arco
p
Vc.
Perc.
53
Pno.
mf
3
3
Senza Ped.

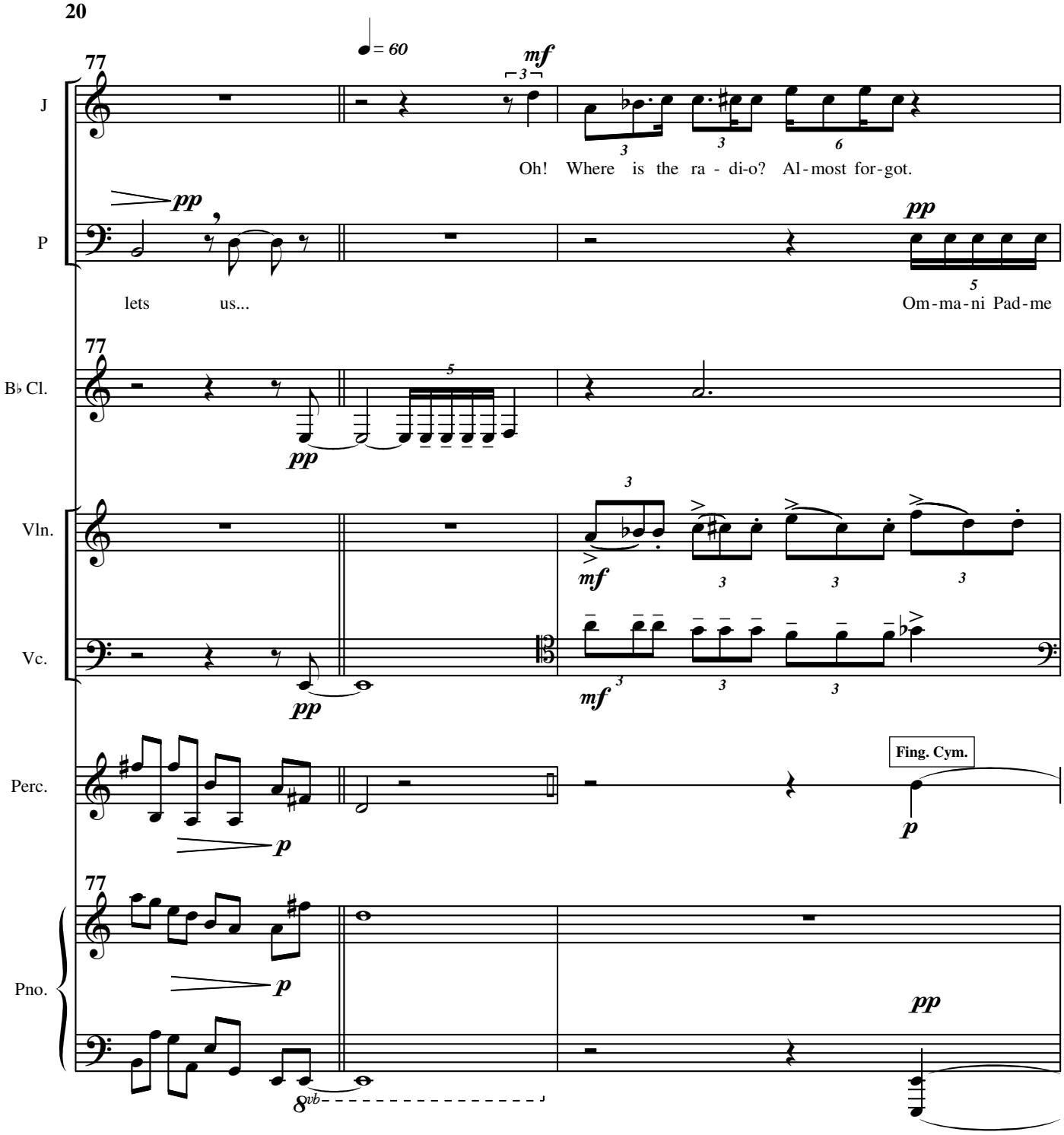

56
J
melt - ed the ice?
weakly
with pronounced breaths where marked
mp
mf
P
Pray with me. Sa-gar - ma-tha. The moun - tain moth-er. Fore-head
56
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
p
Vc.
mp
mf
Perc.
56
Pno.
p
mp
ord. Ped.

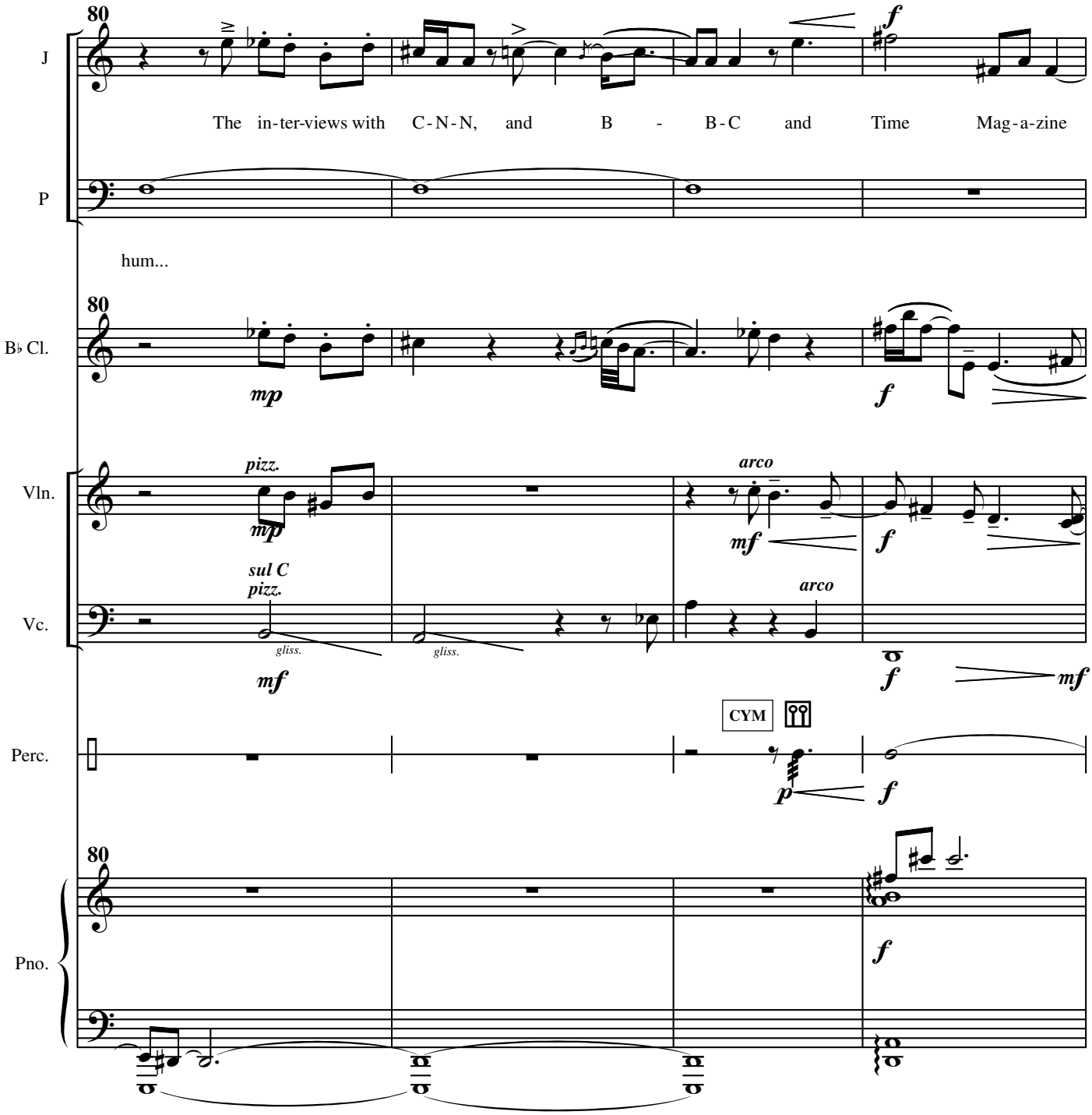

60
J
mf
3
3
Are you going to
P
mp
p
of the Sky. Bless our de - scent downdown down
60
B♭ Cl.
n
p
p
Vln.
pp
ppp
mp
pp
mp
pp
mp
pp
3
3
Vc.
pp
ppp
mp
3
3
Perc.
Bass Dr.
pp
60
Pno.

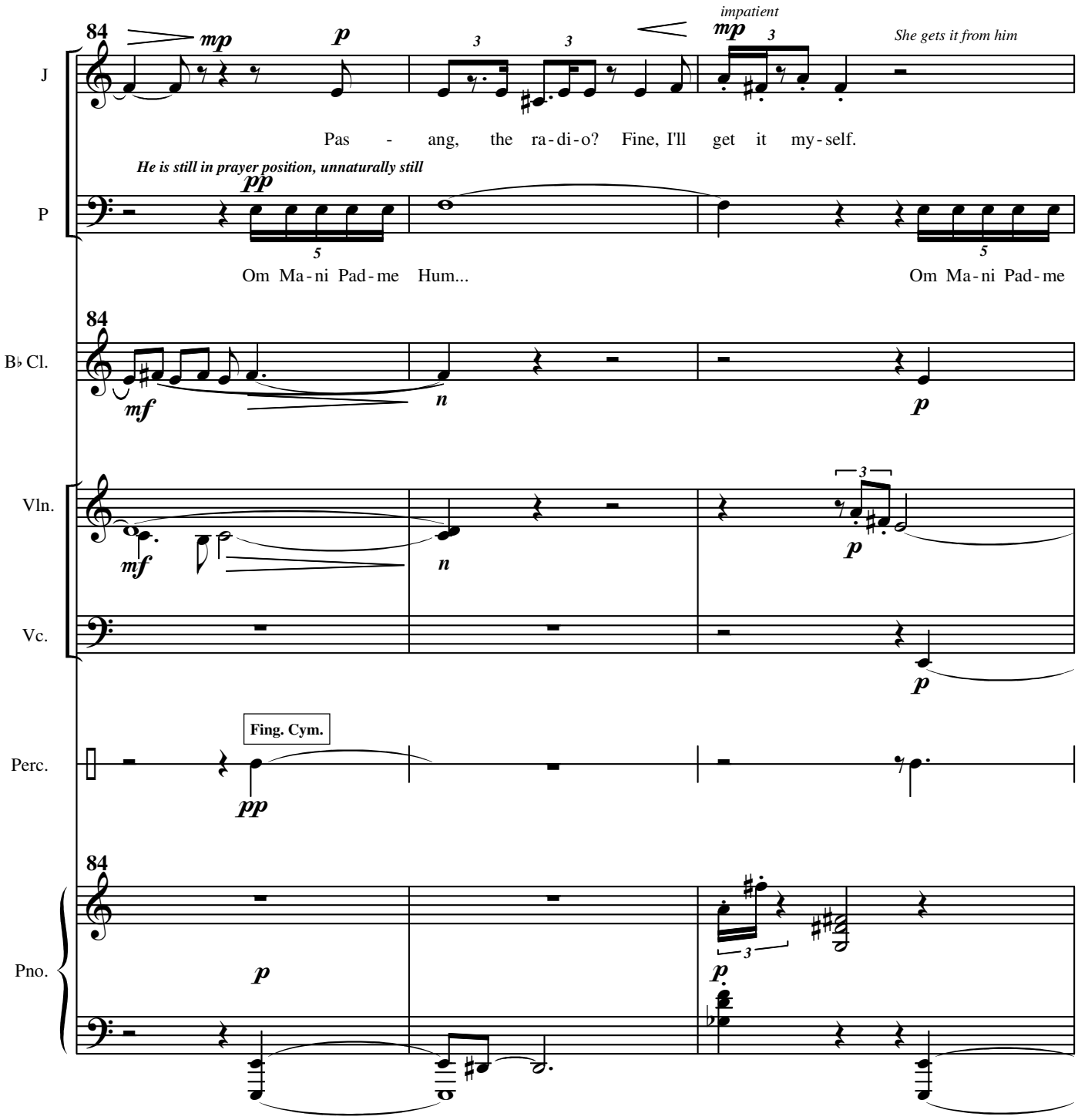

65
J
boil the wa-ter?
P
p
mf
Please pray. We must pray! pray Pray that the moun-tain lets us
65
B♭ Cl.
n
p
mf
Vln.
Vc.
n
p
mf
Perc.
pp
p
65
Pno.

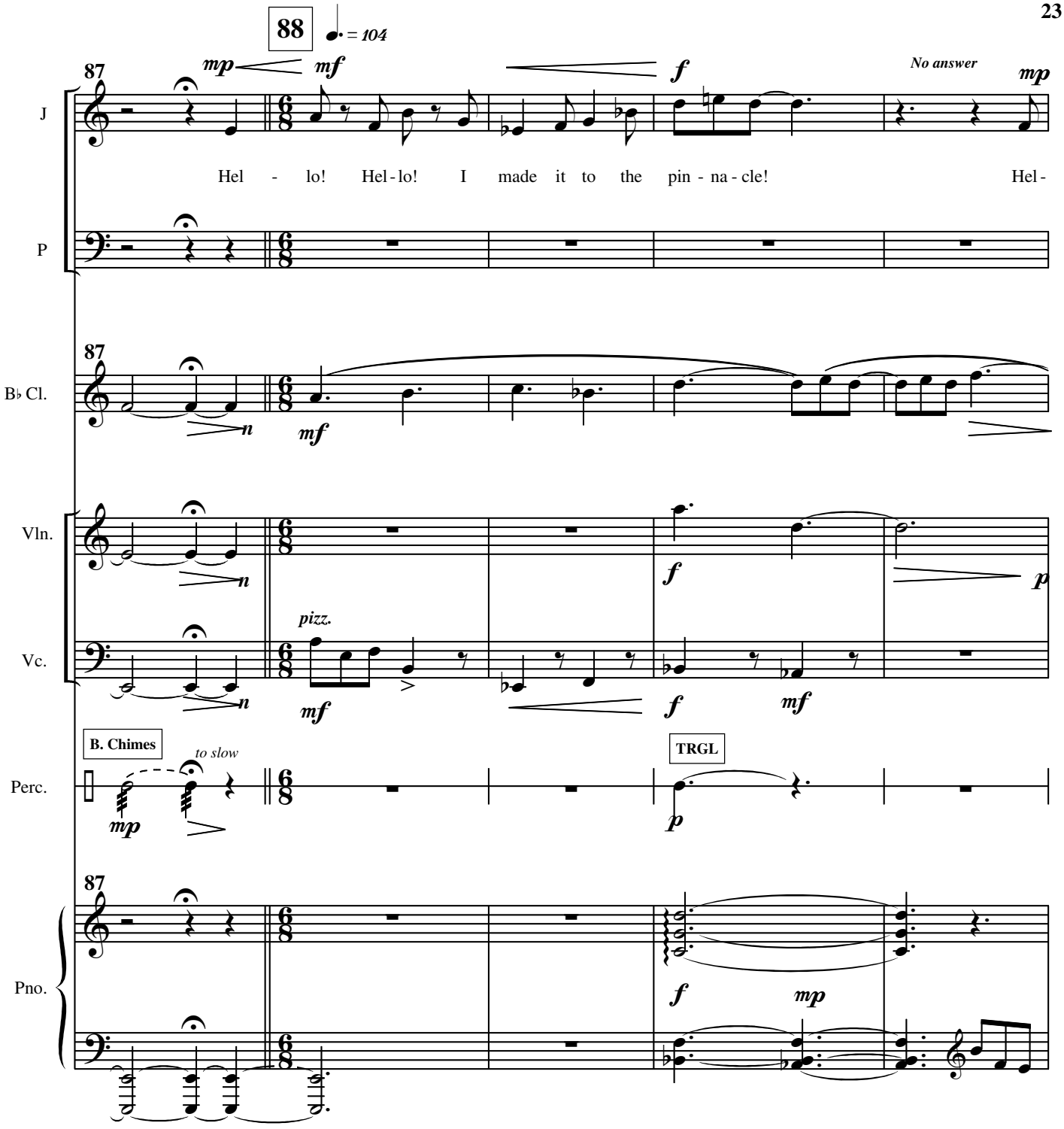

70
♩ = 96
69
J
P
p
down. pray Pray that the moun - tain lets us
B♭ Cl.
pp
n
6
Vln.
Vc.
Vib.
Perc.
Pno.
mp

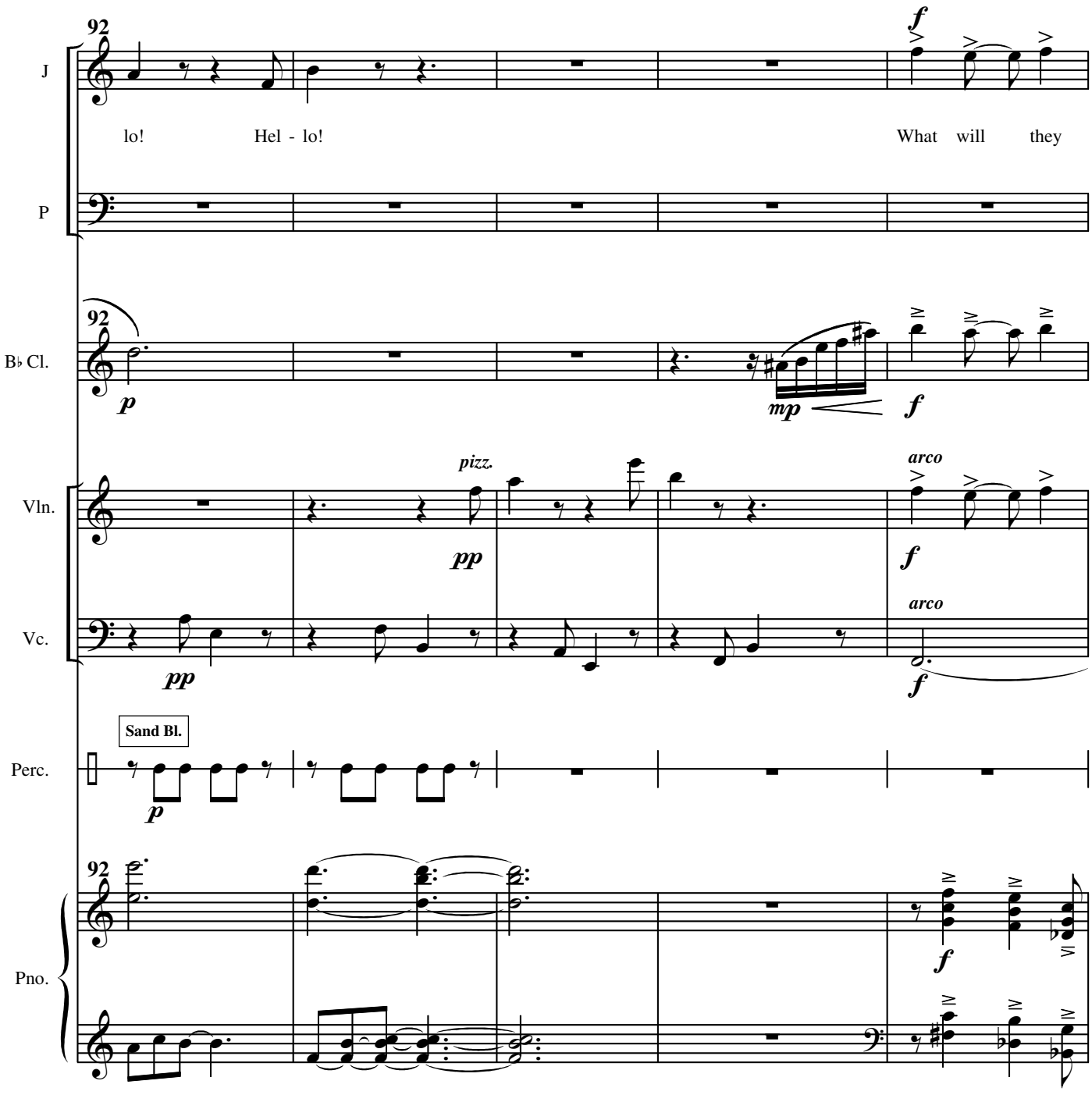

73
J
P
p
down. pray Pray that the moun - tain
73
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
n
Vc.
Perc.
73
Pno.

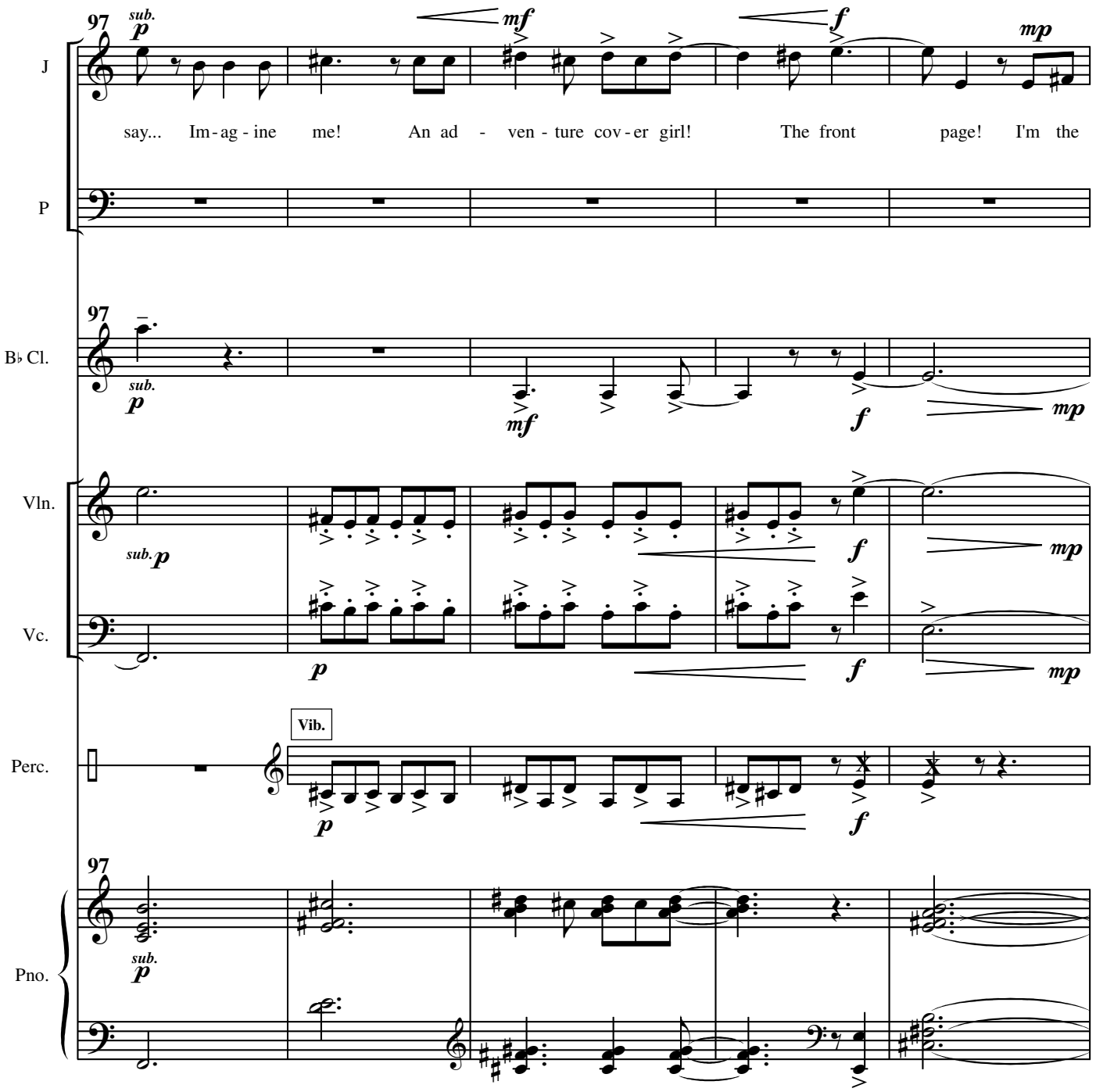

77
♩= 60
mf
J
Oh! Where is the ra - di-o? Al-most for-got.
pp
P
pp
lets us...
Om-ma-ni Pad-me
77
B♭ Cl.
pp
Vln.
mf
Vc.
pp
mf
Perc.
p
Fing. Cym.
p
77
Pno.
p
pp
8vb

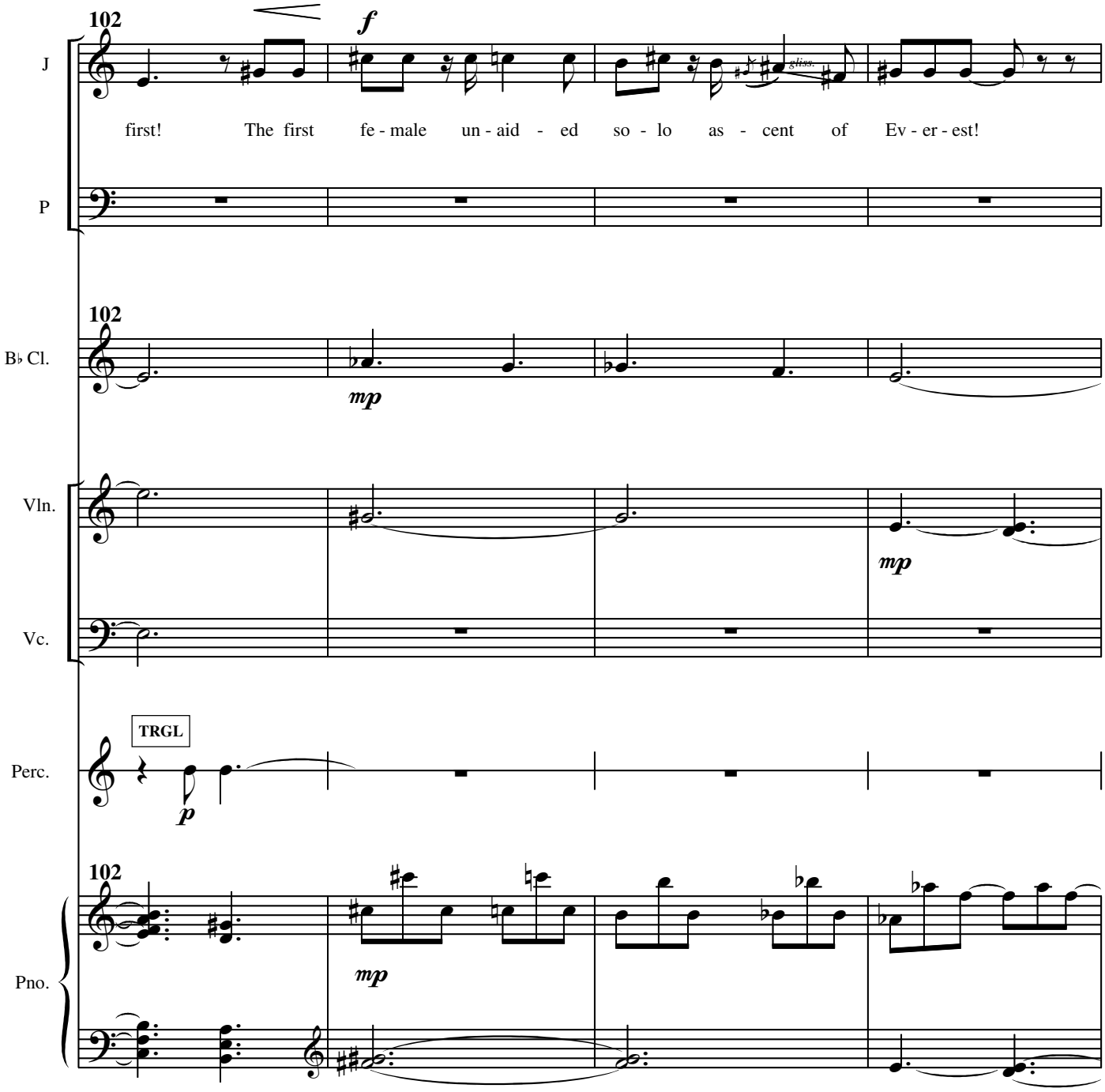

80
J
The in-ter-views with C-N-N, and B - B-C and Time Mag-a-zine
P
hum...
80
B♭ Cl.
mp
f
Vln.
pizz.
mp
arco
mf
f
sul C
pizz.
Vc.
gliss.
gliss.
arco
mf
f
mf
CYM
Perc.
p
f
80
Pno.
f

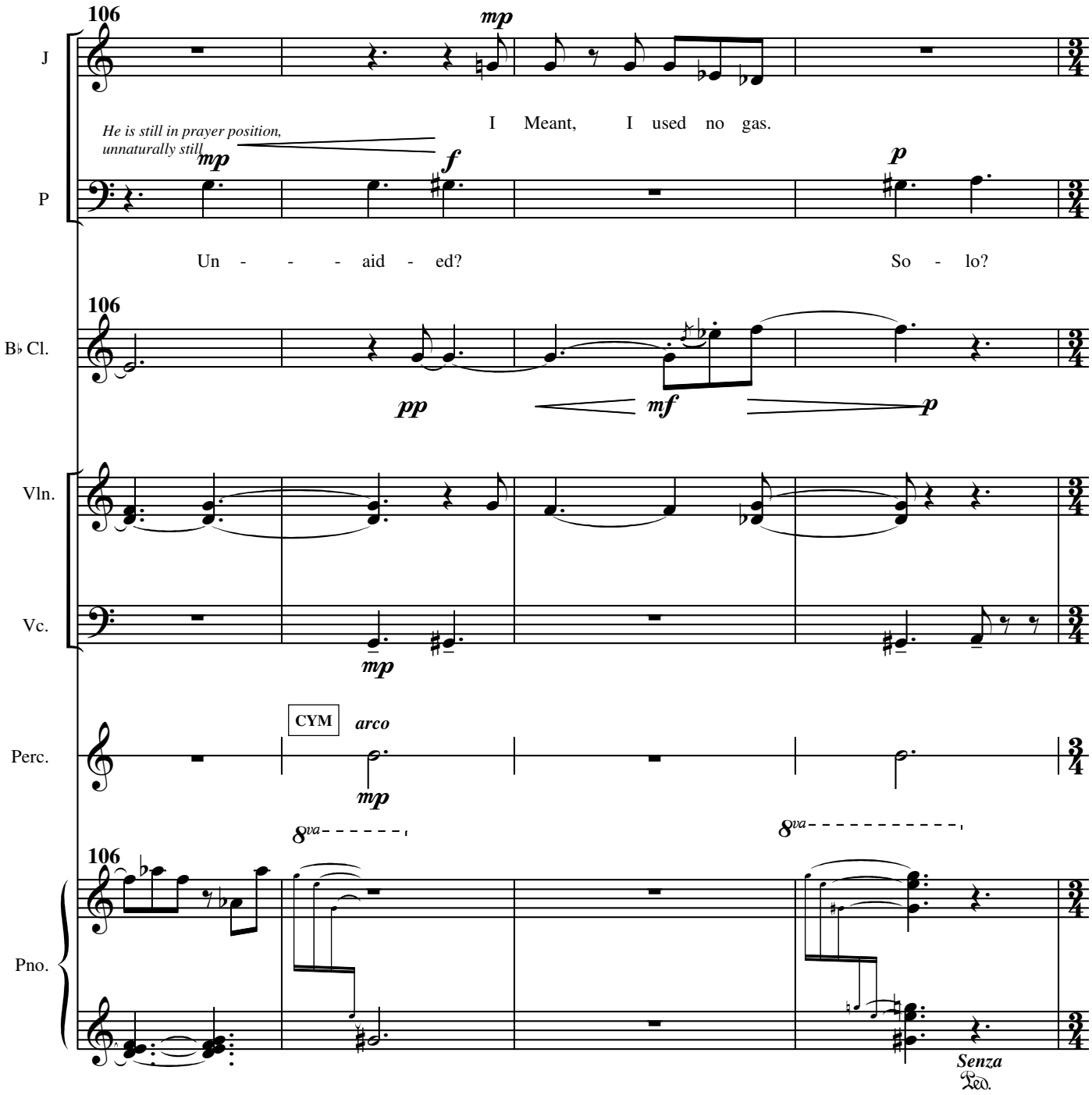

84
mp
p
3
3
impatient
mp
3
She gets it from him
J
Pas - ang, the ra-di-o? Fine, I'll get it my-self.
He is still in prayer position, unnaturally still
pp
P
5
5
Om Ma-ni Pad-me Hum...
Om Ma-ni Pad-me
84
B♭ Cl.
mf
n
p
Vln.
3
mf
n
p
Vc.
p
Fing. Cym.
Perc.
pp
84
Pno.
p
3
p

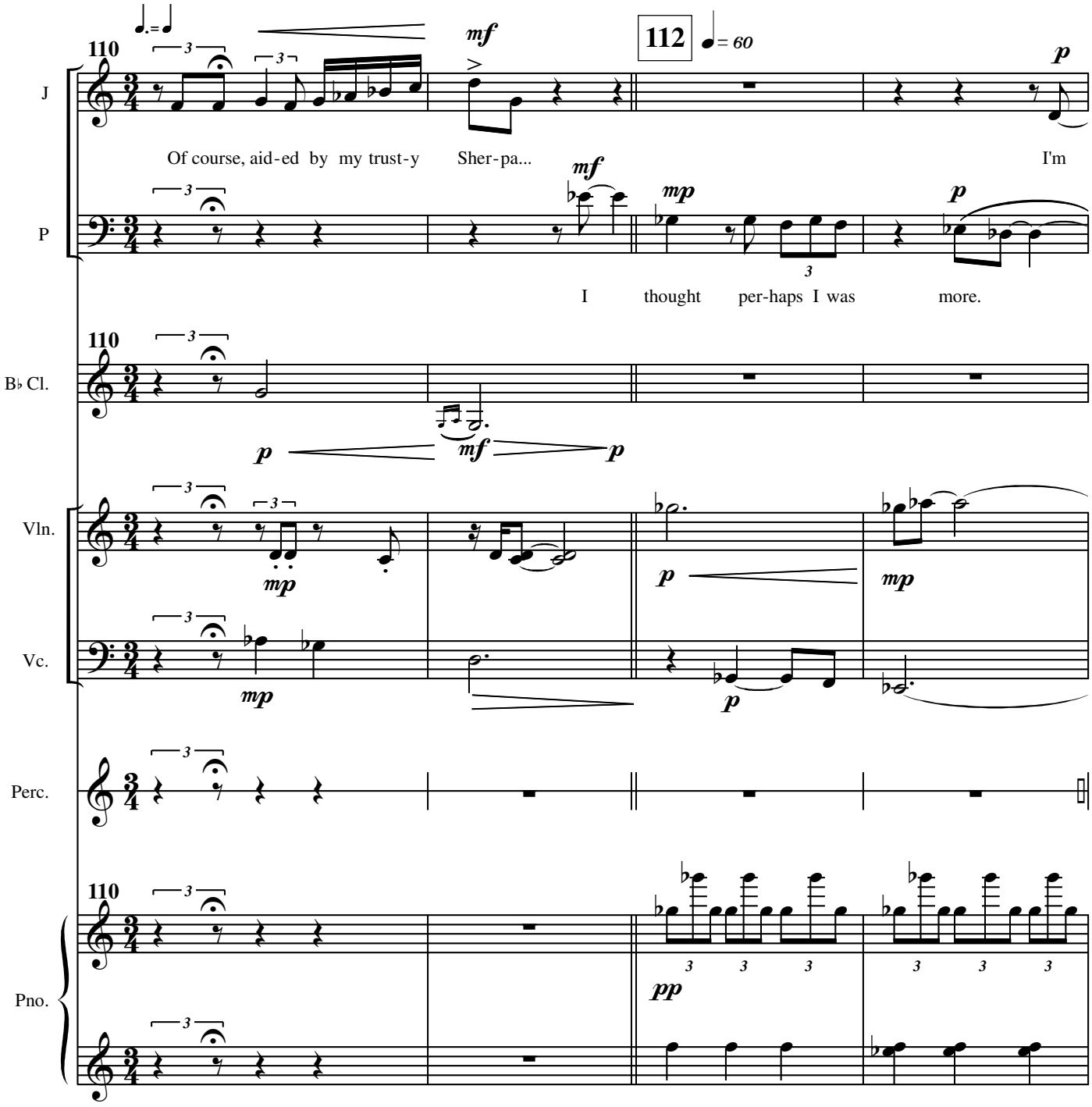

88
♩. = 104
87
mp
mf
f
No answer
mp
J
Hel - lo! Hel - lo! I made it to the pin - na - cle! Hel -
P
87
B♭ Cl.
n
mf
Vln.
n
f
p
pizz.
Vc.
n
mf
f
mf
B. Chimes
to slow
TRGL
Perc.
mp
p
87
Pno.
f
mp

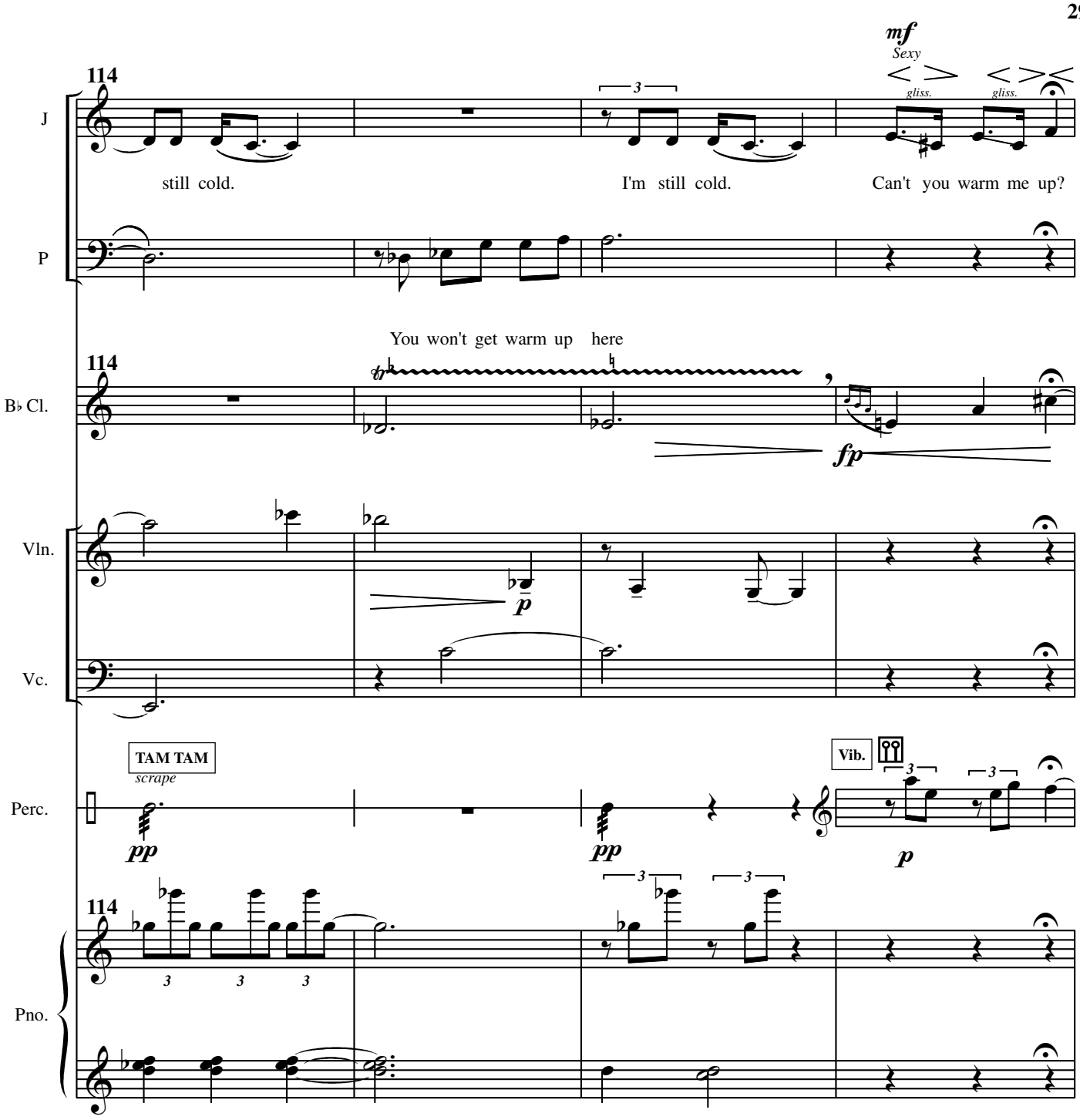

92
J
lo!
Hel - lo!
What will they
P
92
B♭ Cl.
p
mp
f
Vln.
pizz.
pp
arco
f
Vc.
pp
arco
f
Sand Bl.
Perc.
p
92
Pno.
f

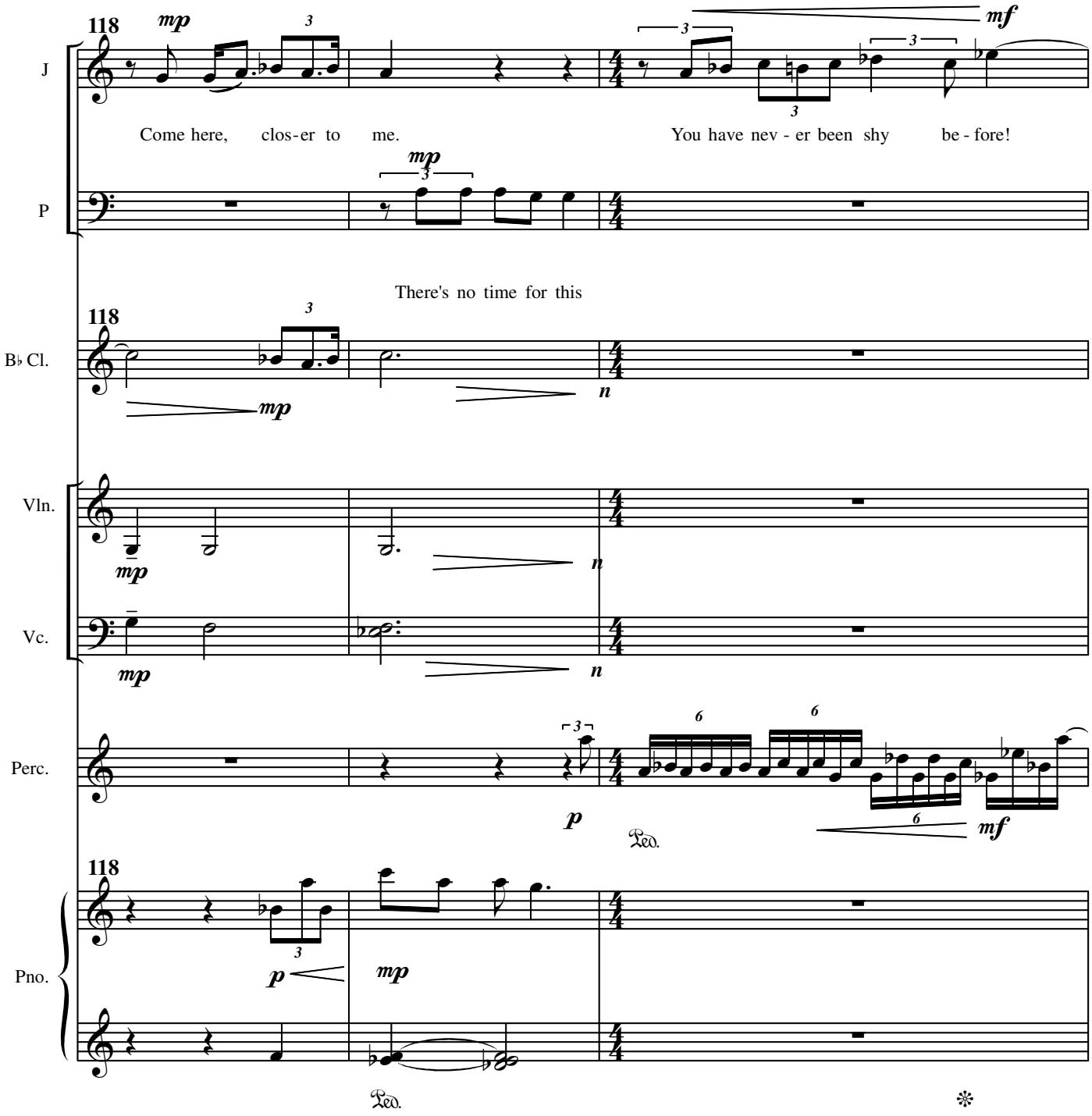

97
sub.
p
mf
f
mp
J
say... Im - ag - ine me! An ad - ven - ture cov - er girl! The front page! I'm the
P
97
B♭ Cl.
sub.
p
mf
f
mp
Vln.
sub. p
f
mp
Vc.
p
f
mp
Vib.
Perc.
p
f
97
Pno.
sub.
p

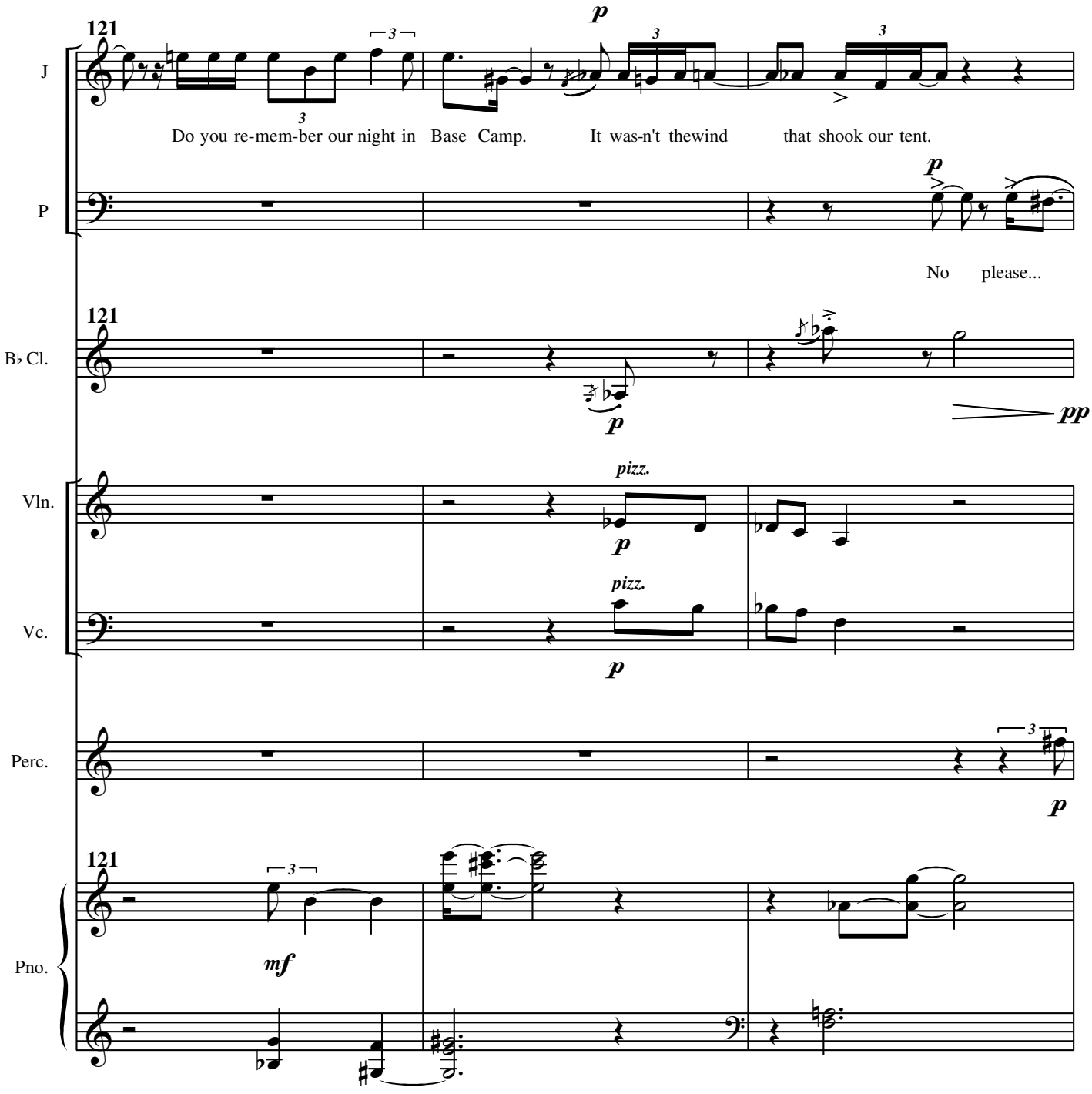

102
f
J
first! The first fe - male un - aid - ed so - lo as - cent of Ev - er - est!
P
102
B♭ Cl.
mp
Vln.
mp
Vc.
TRGL
Perc.
p
102
mp
Pno.

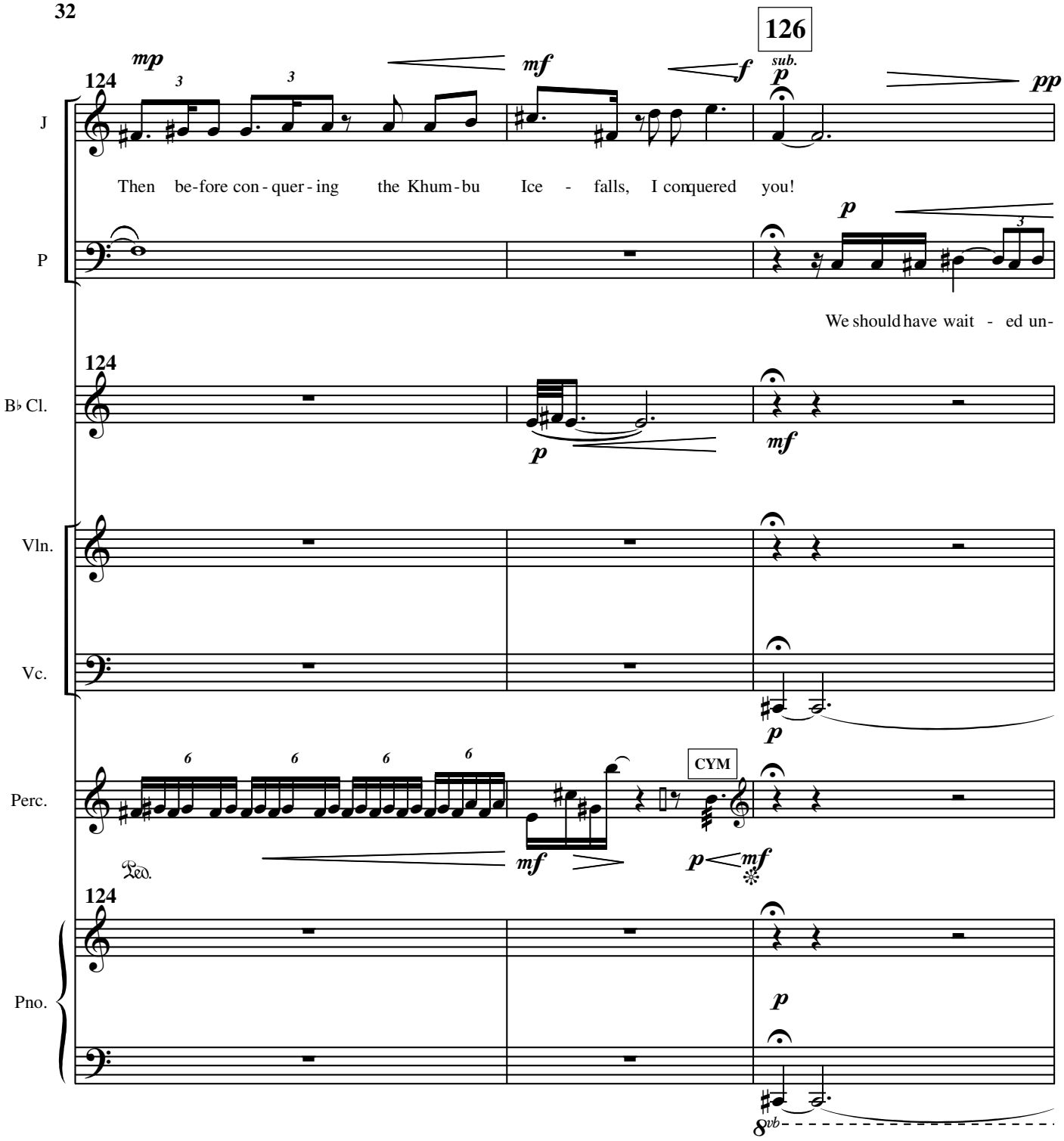

106
J
mp
I Meant, I used no gas.
He is still in prayer position, unnaturally still
mp
f
p
P
Un - - - aid - ed?
So - lo?
106
B♭ Cl.
pp
mf
p
Vln.
Vc.
mp
CYM
arco
Perc.
mp
8va
8va
106
Pno.
Senza Ped.

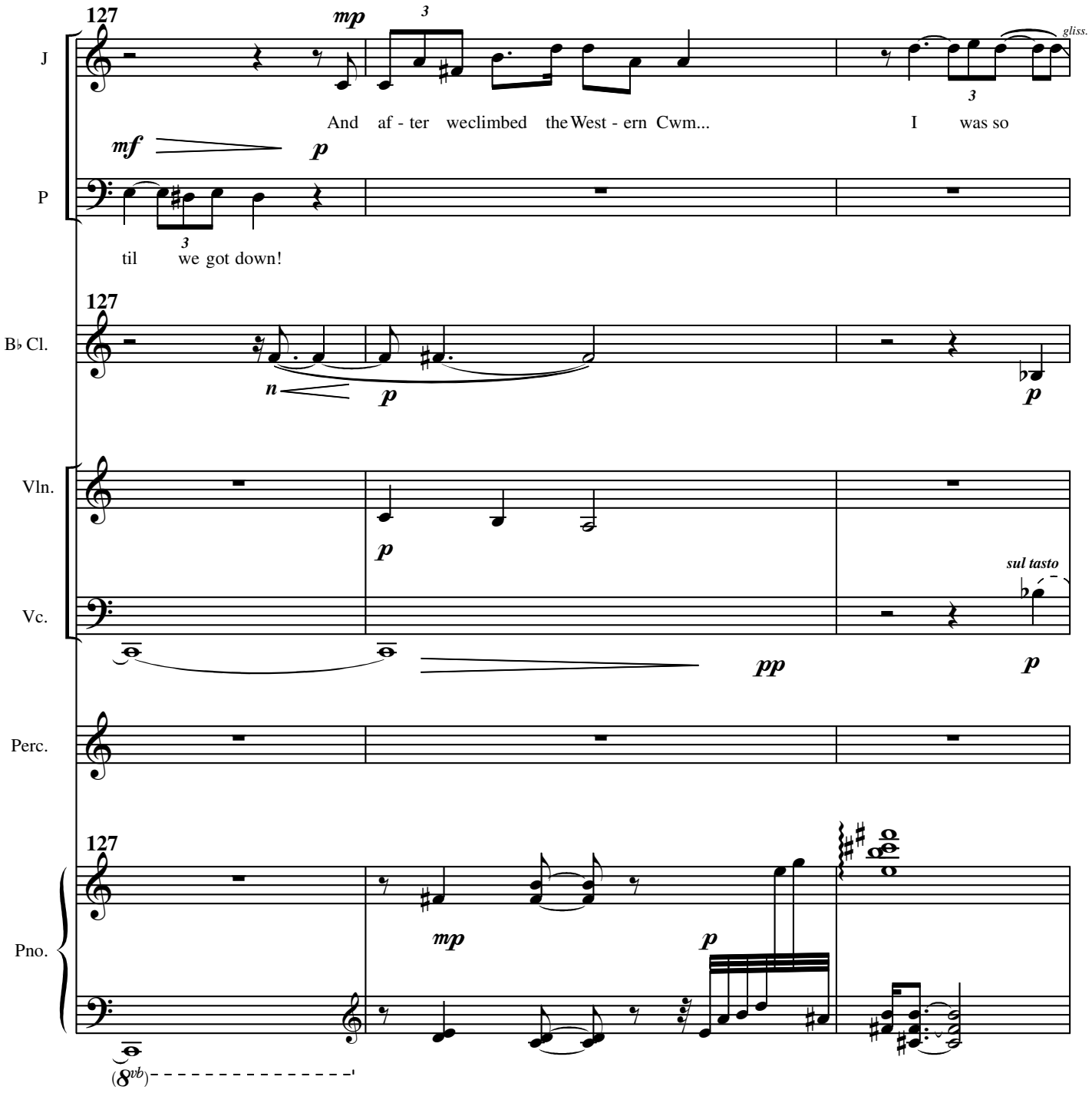

110
112
♩= 60
J
Of course, aid-ed by my trust-y Sher-pa...
I'm
P
I thought per-haps I was more.
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.

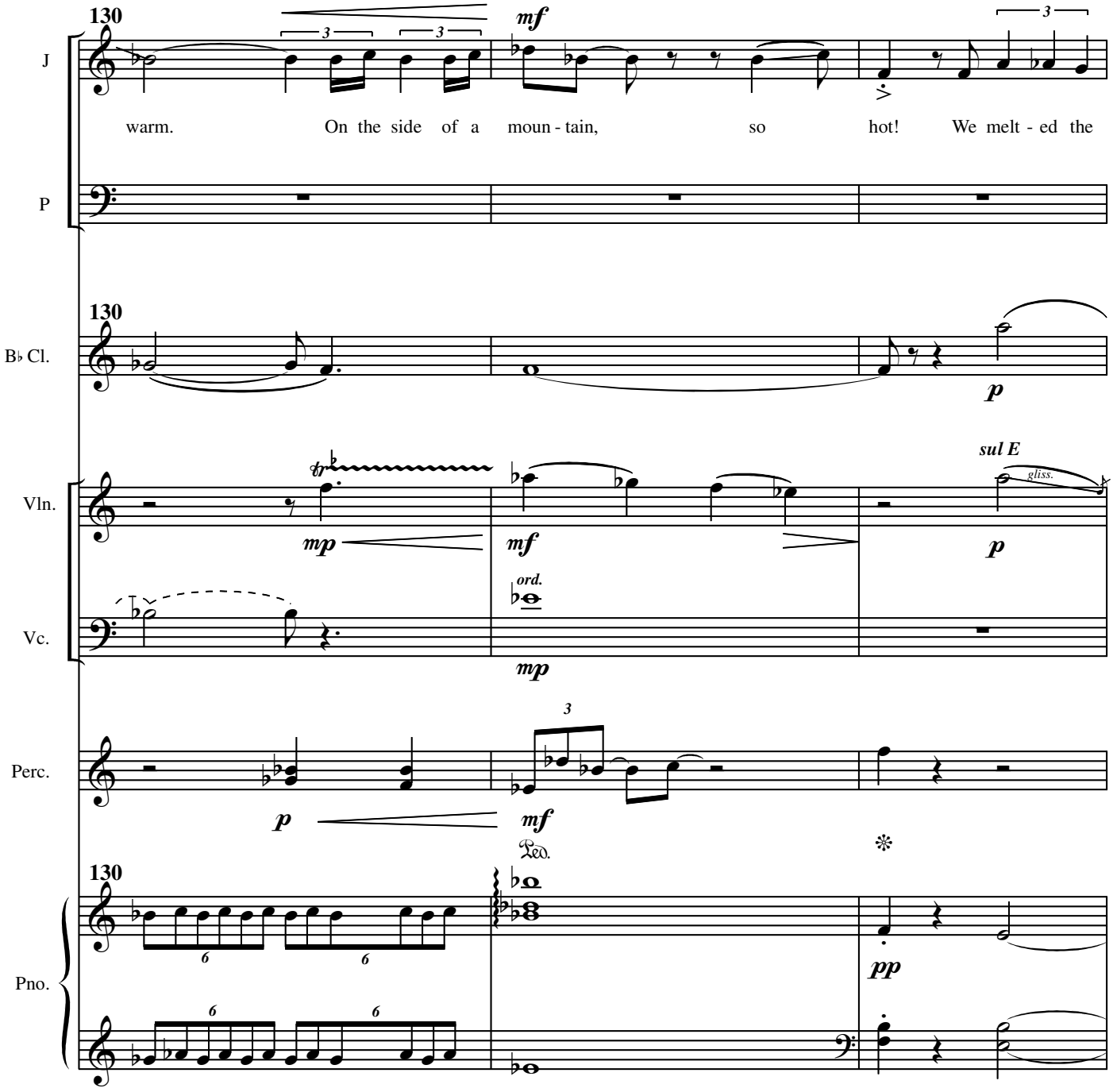

mf
Sexy
114
J
still cold.
I'm still cold.
Can't you warm me up?
gliss.
gliss.
P
You won't get warm up here
114
B♭ Cl.
fp
Vln.
p
Vc.
TAM TAM
scrape
Vib.
Perc.
pp
pp
p
114
Pno.

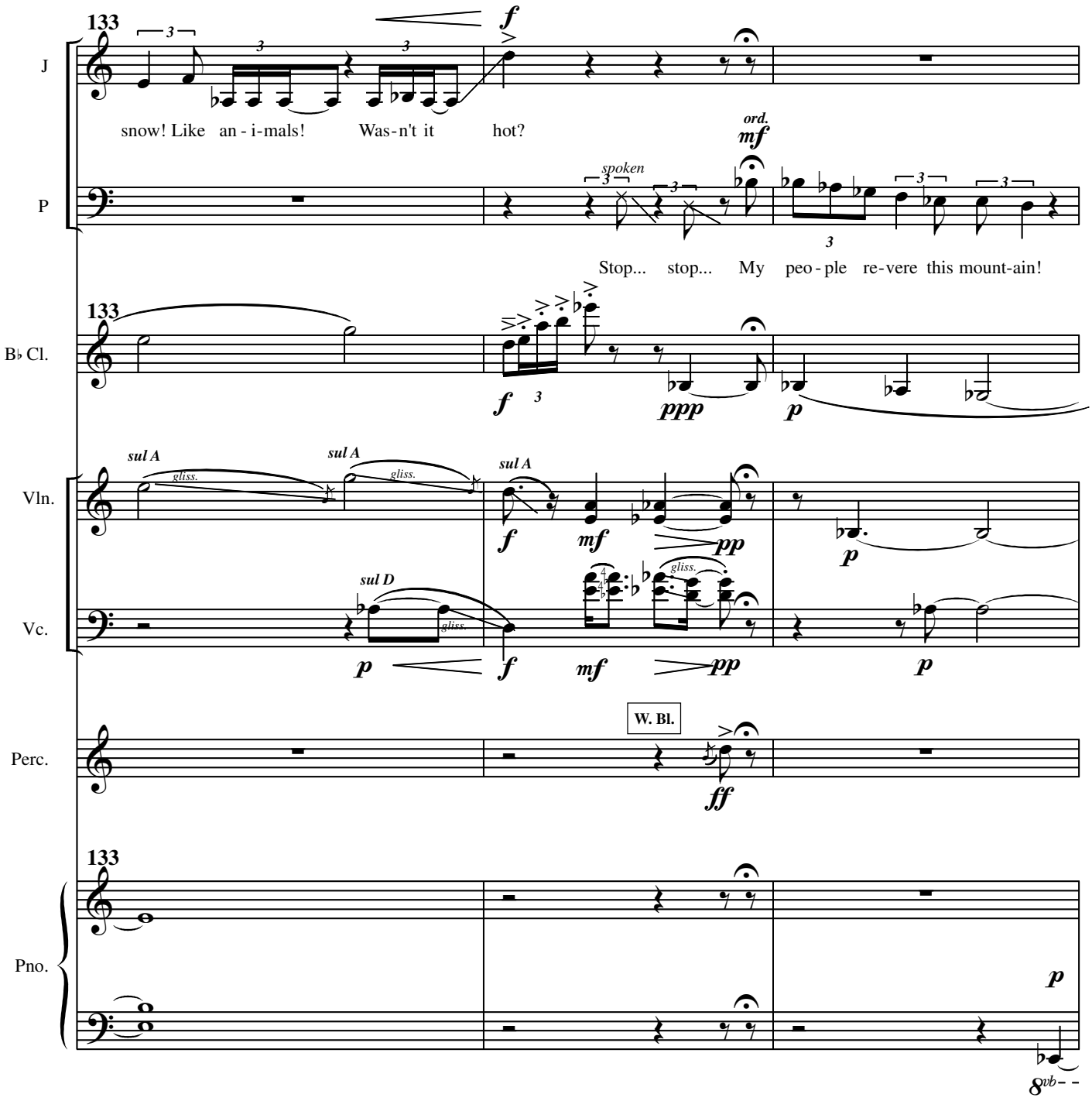

118
J
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.
Come here, clos-er to me.
You have nev - er been shy be - fore!
There's no time for this
mp
mf
p
n
Ped.

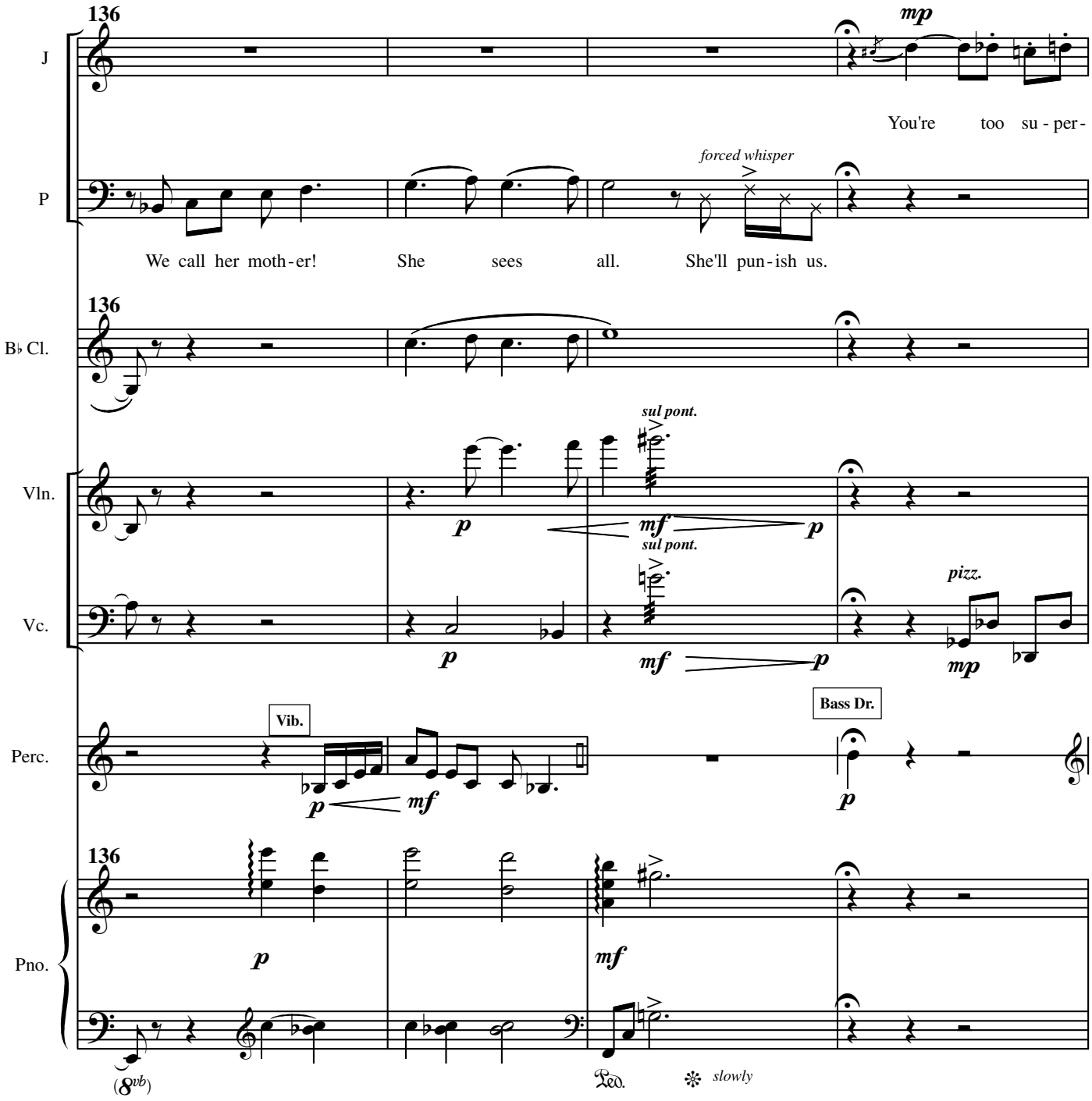

121
J
P
Do you re-mem-ber our night in Base Camp. It was-n't thewind that shook our tent.
No please...
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.
pizz.
mf

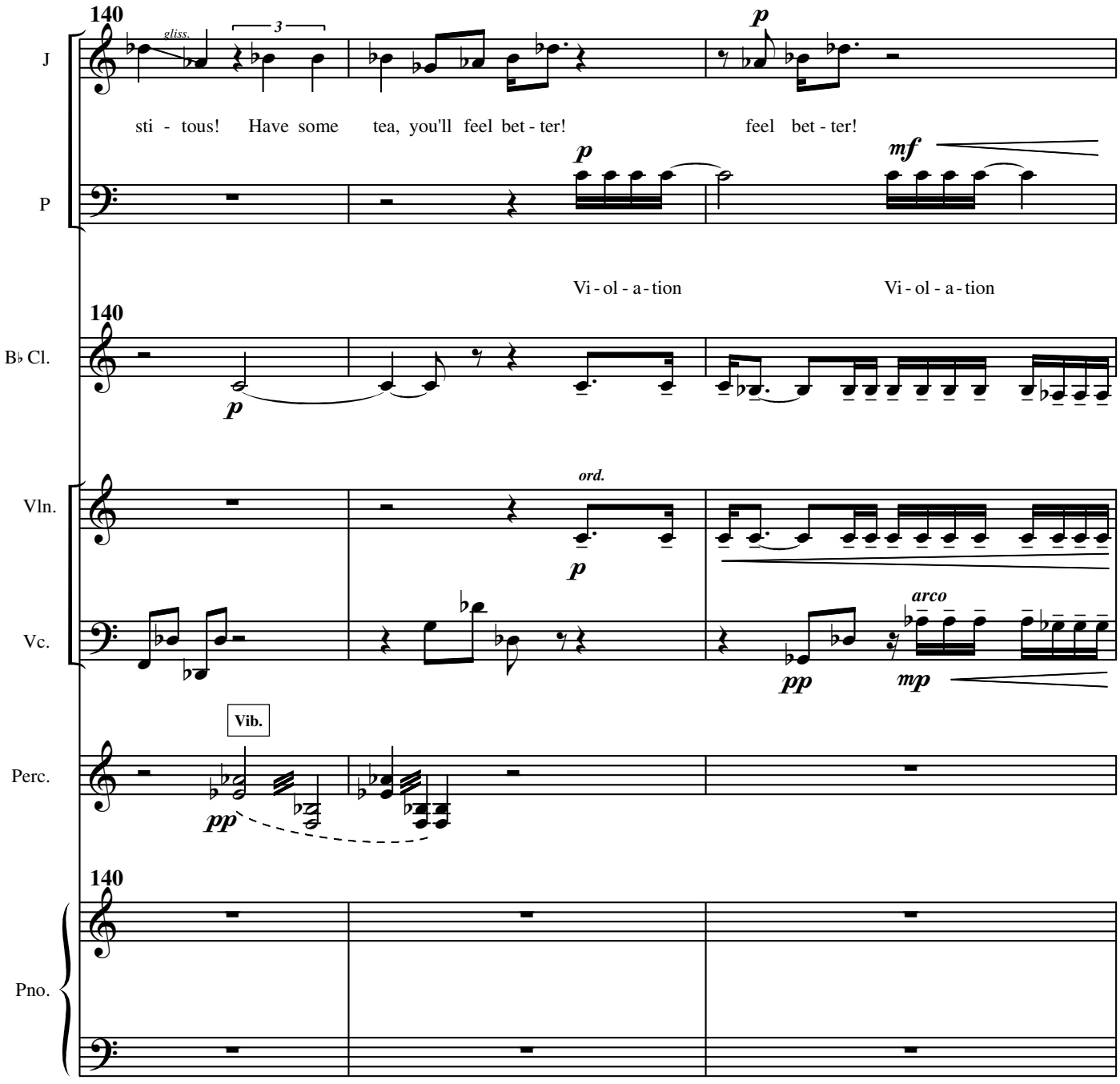

126
sub.
124
mp
mf
f
p
pp
J
Then be-fore con-quer-ing the Khum-bu Ice - falls, I conquered you!
P
We should have wait - ed un-
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
CYM
Ped.
Pno.
8vb

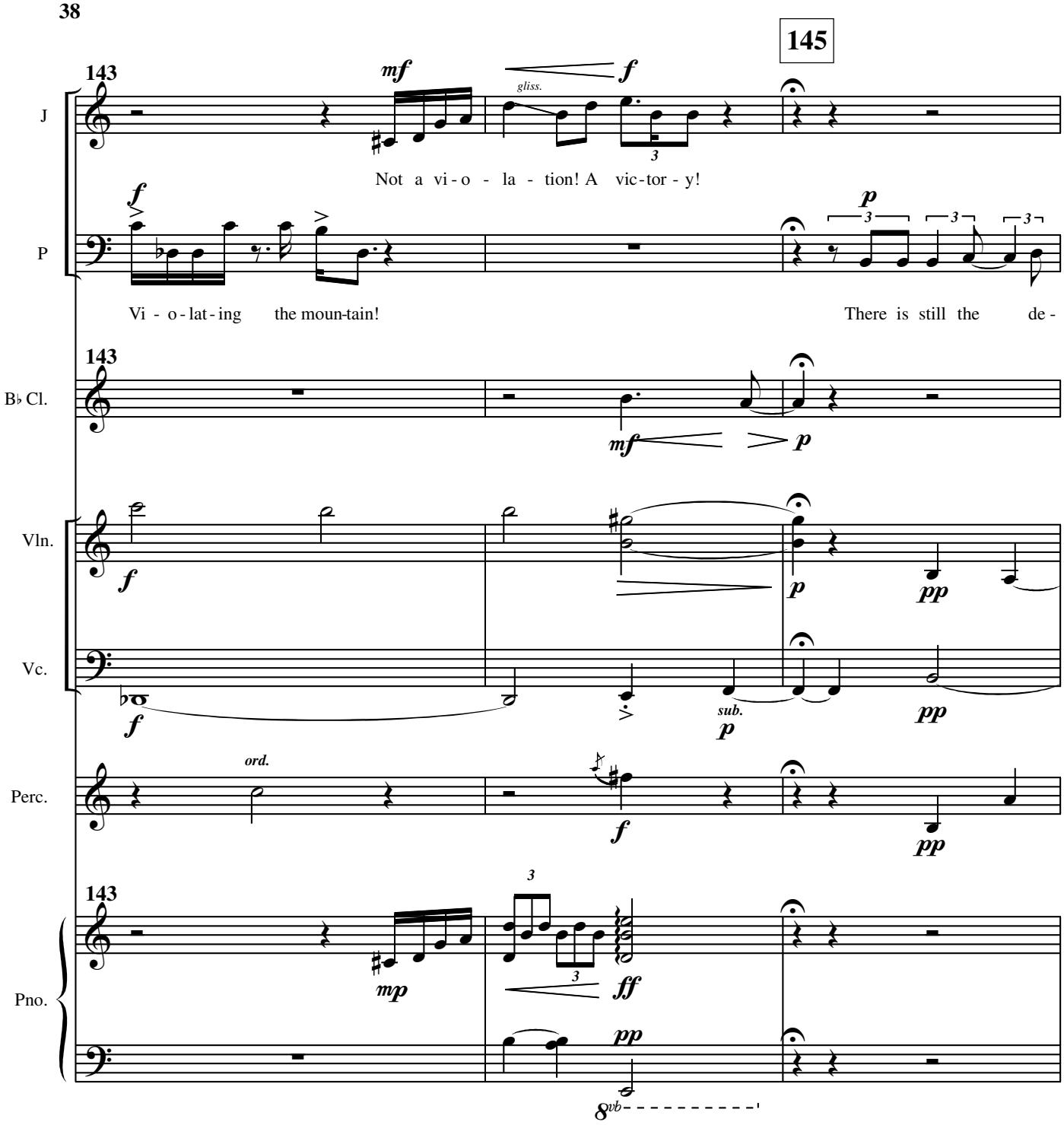

127
J
mp
3
gliss.
And af - ter weclimbed the West - ern Cwm...
I was so
mf
p
P
3
til we got down!
127
B♭ Cl.
n
p
p
Vln.
p
Vc.
sul tasto
pp
p
Perc.
127
Pno.
mp
p
(8vb)

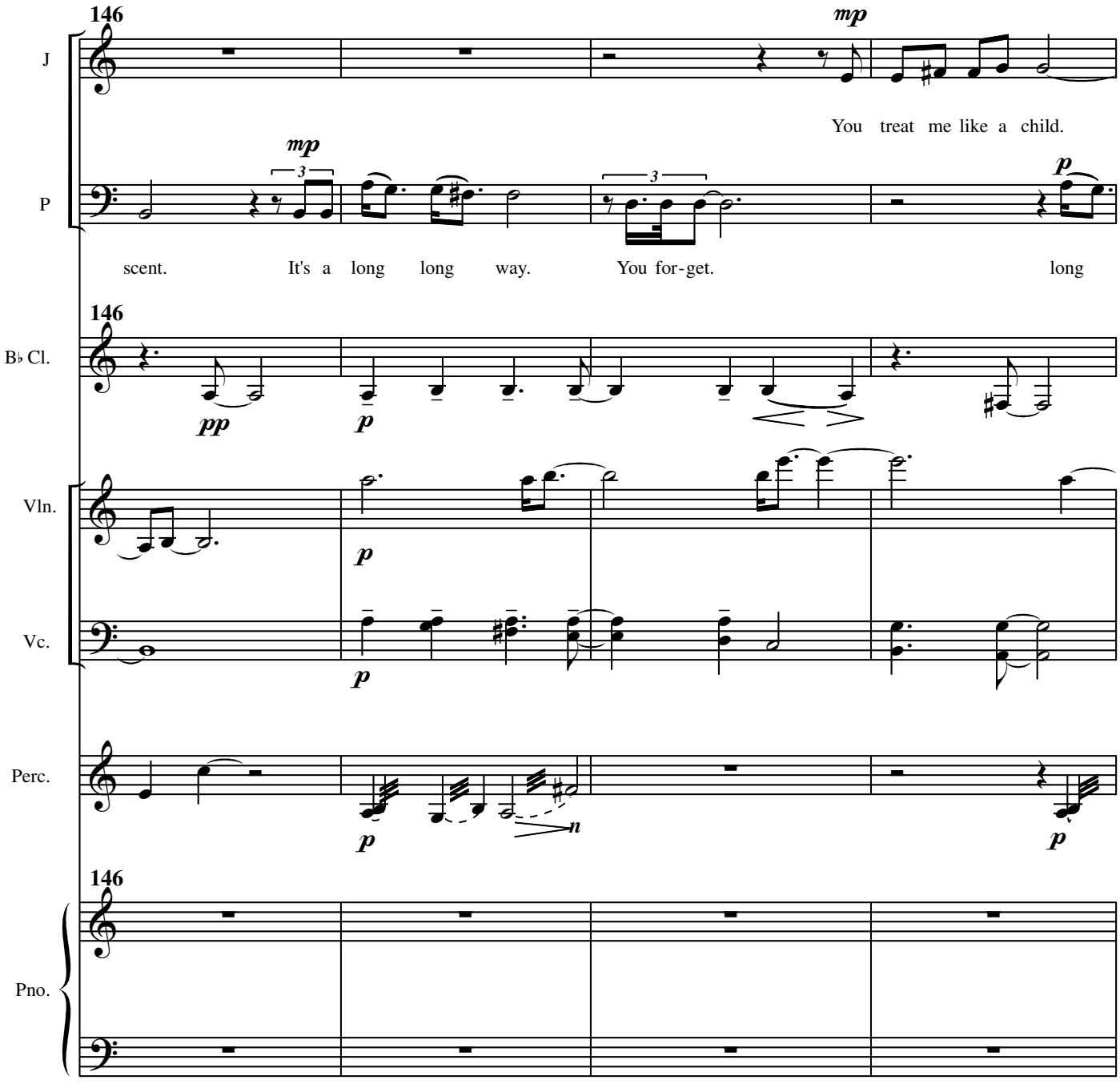

130
J
warm. On the side of a moun - tain, so hot! We melt - ed the
P
130
B♭ Cl.
sul E
gliss.
Vln.
Vc.
ord.
Perc.
130
Pno.

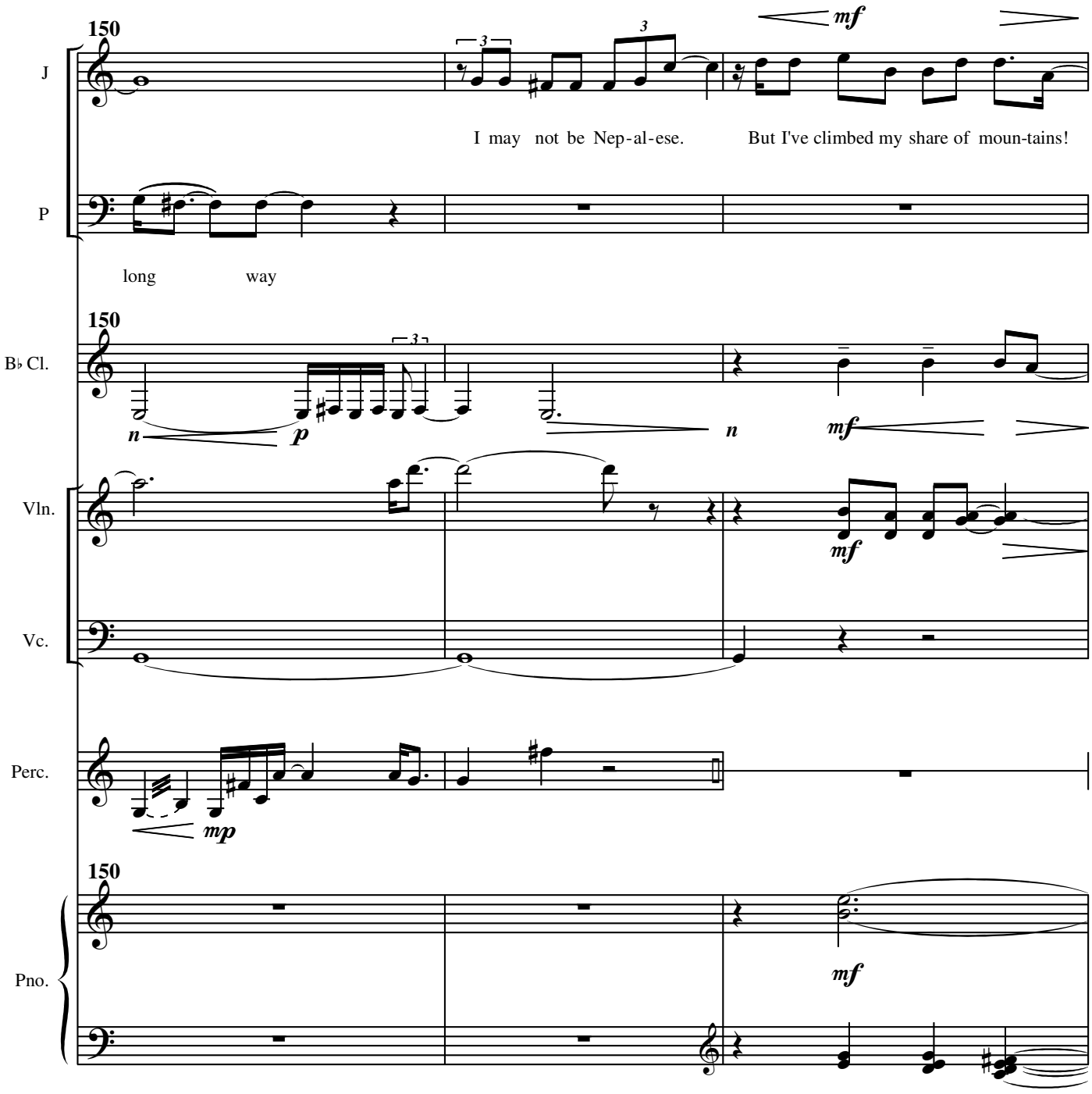

133
J
snow! Like an - i-mals! Was-n't it hot?
f
ord.
mf
P
spoken
Stop... stop... My peo - ple re-vere this mount-ain!
B♭ Cl.
f
ppp
p
Vln.
sul A
gliss.
f
mf
pp
p
Vc.
sul D
p
f
mf
pp
p
W. Bl.
Perc.
ff
Pno.
p
8vb

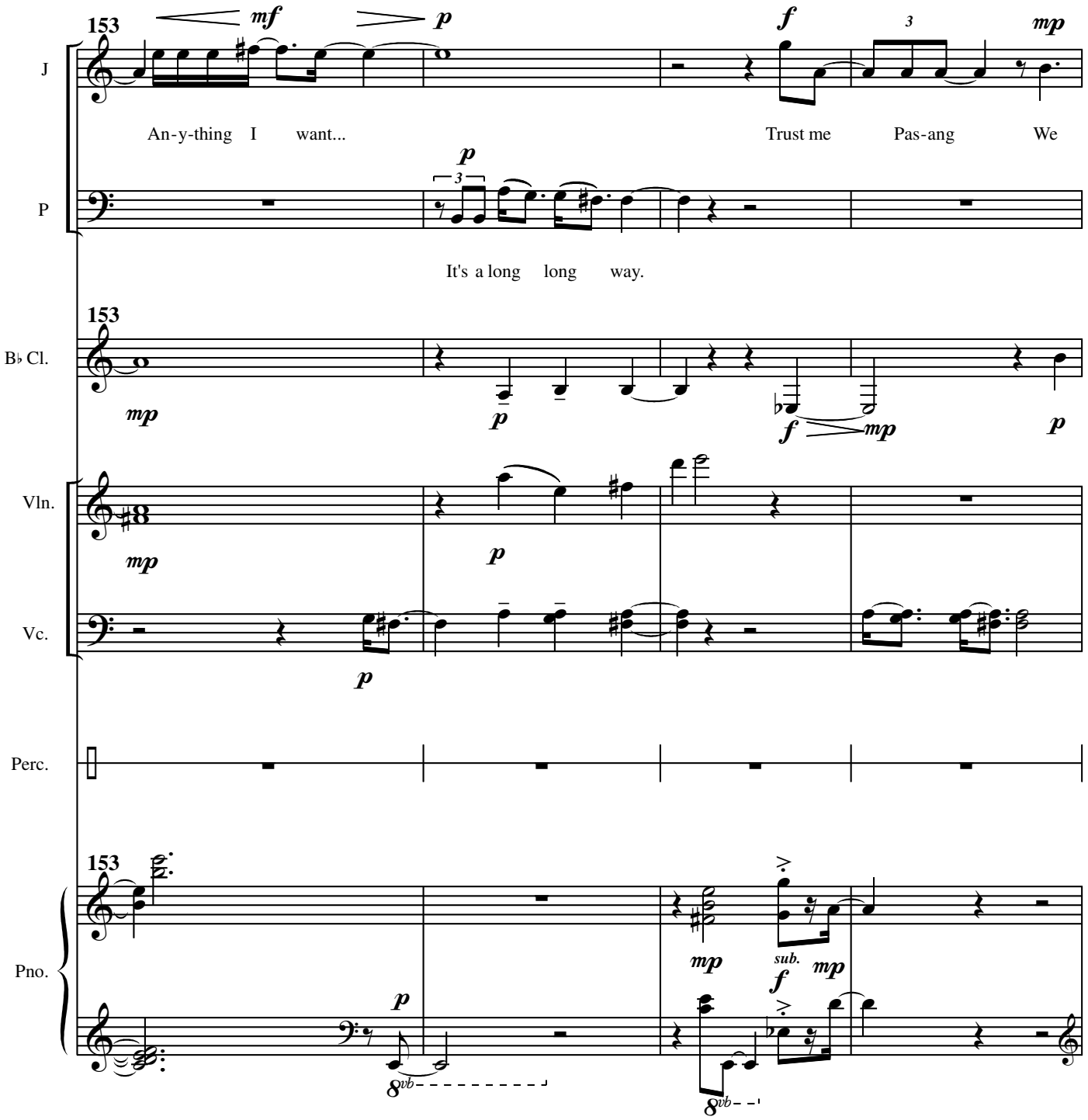

136
J
mp
You're too su - per -
P
forced whisper
We call her moth - er! She sees all. She'll pun - ish us.
136
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
sul pont.
p
mf
p
sul pont.
Vc.
pizz.
p
mf
p
mp
Perc.
Vib.
Bass Dr.
p
mf
p
136
Pno.
p
mf
(8vb)
Ped.
slowly

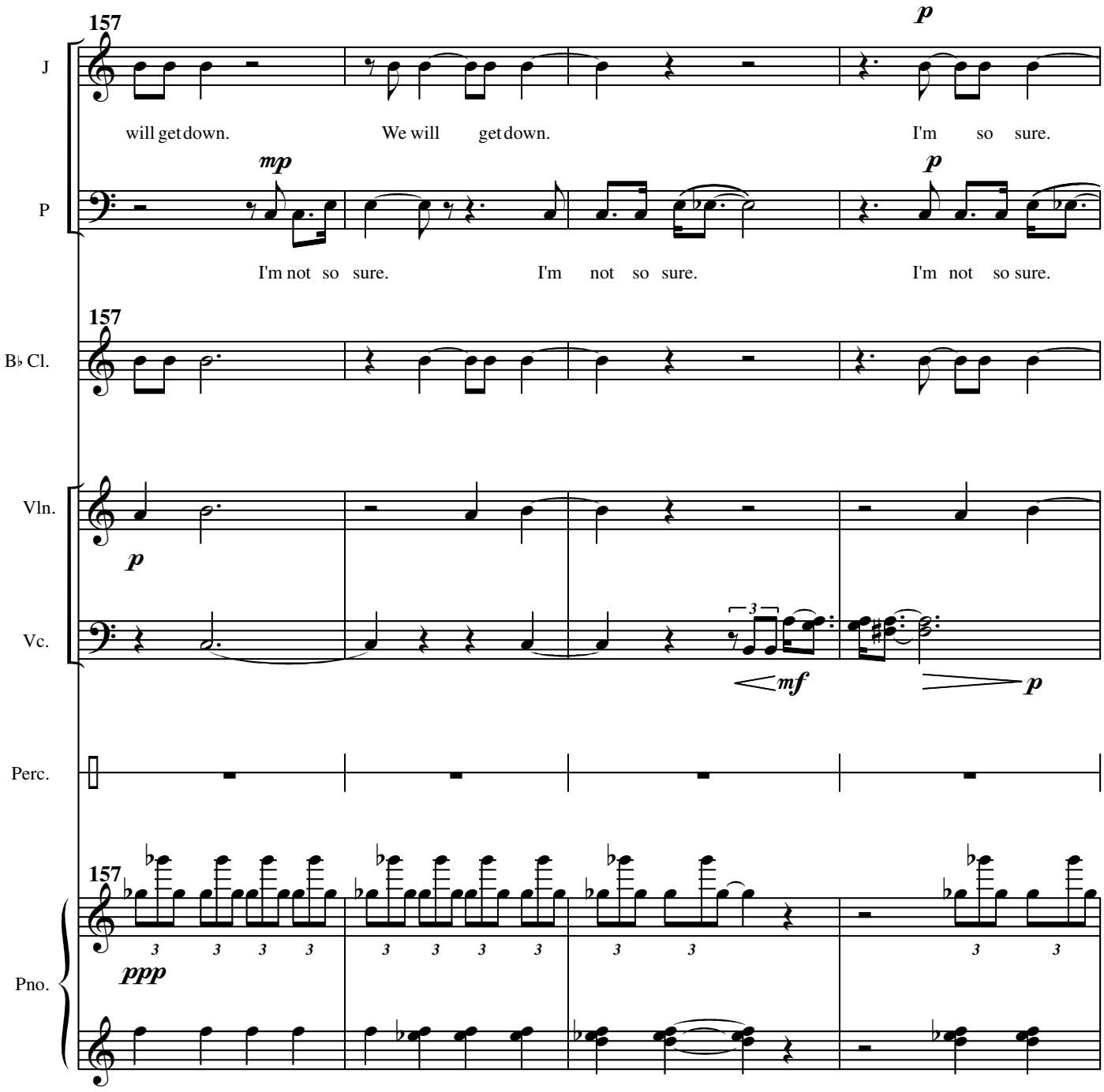

140
J
gliss.
3
sti - tous! Have some tea, you'll feel bet - ter!
feel bet - ter!
p
mf
P
Vi - ol - a - tion
Vi - ol - a - tion
140
B♭ Cl.
p
Vln.
ord.
p
Vc.
arco
pp
mp
Vib.
Perc.
pp
140
Pno.

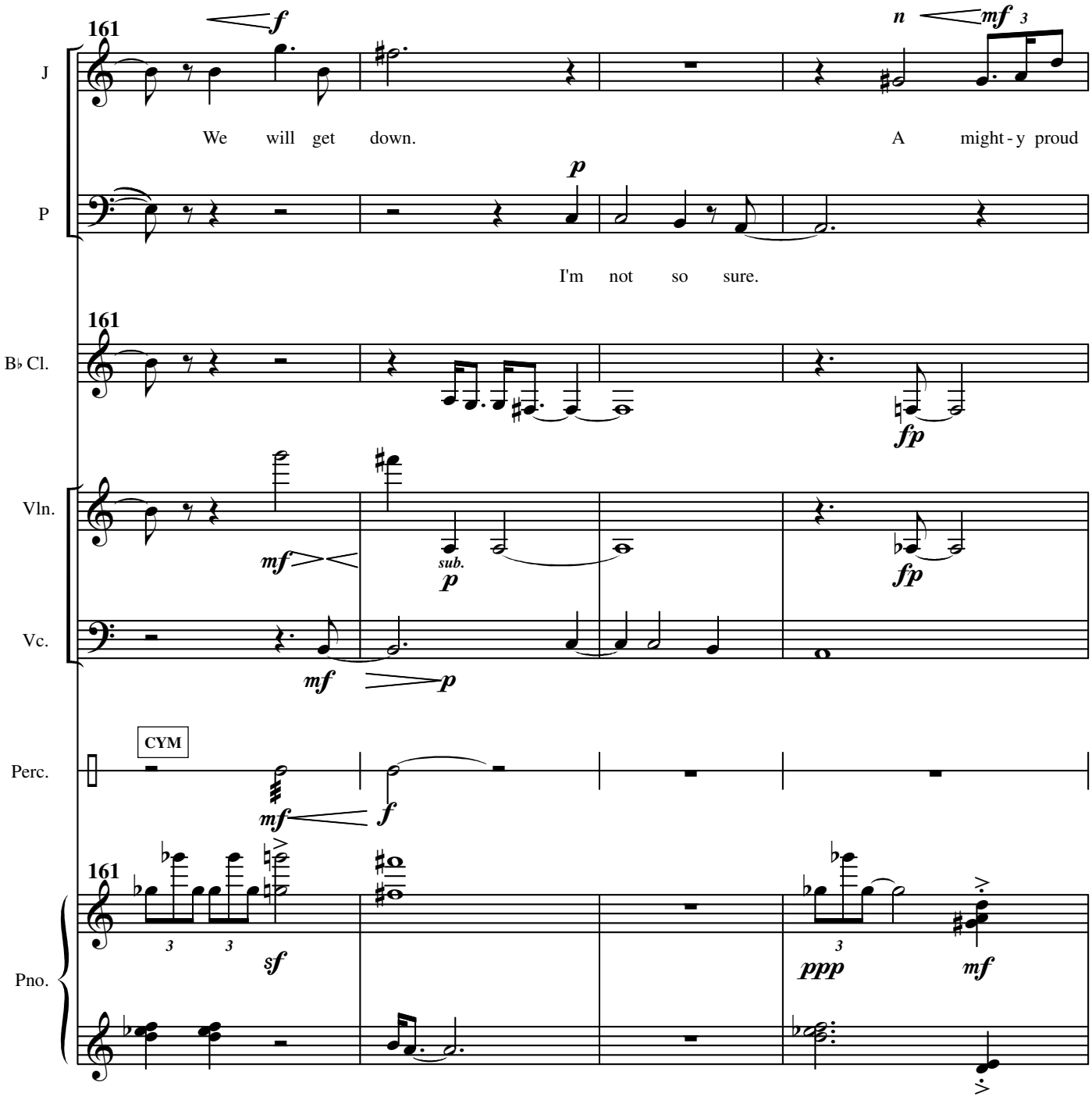

145
143
J
mf
gliss.
f
Not a vi - o - la - tion! A vic - tor - y!
P
f
p
Vi - o - lat - ing the moun-tain!
There is still the de -
143
B♭ Cl.
mf
p
Vln.
f
p
pp
Vc.
f
sub.
p
pp
Perc.
ord.
f
pp
143
Pno.
mp
ff
pp
8vb

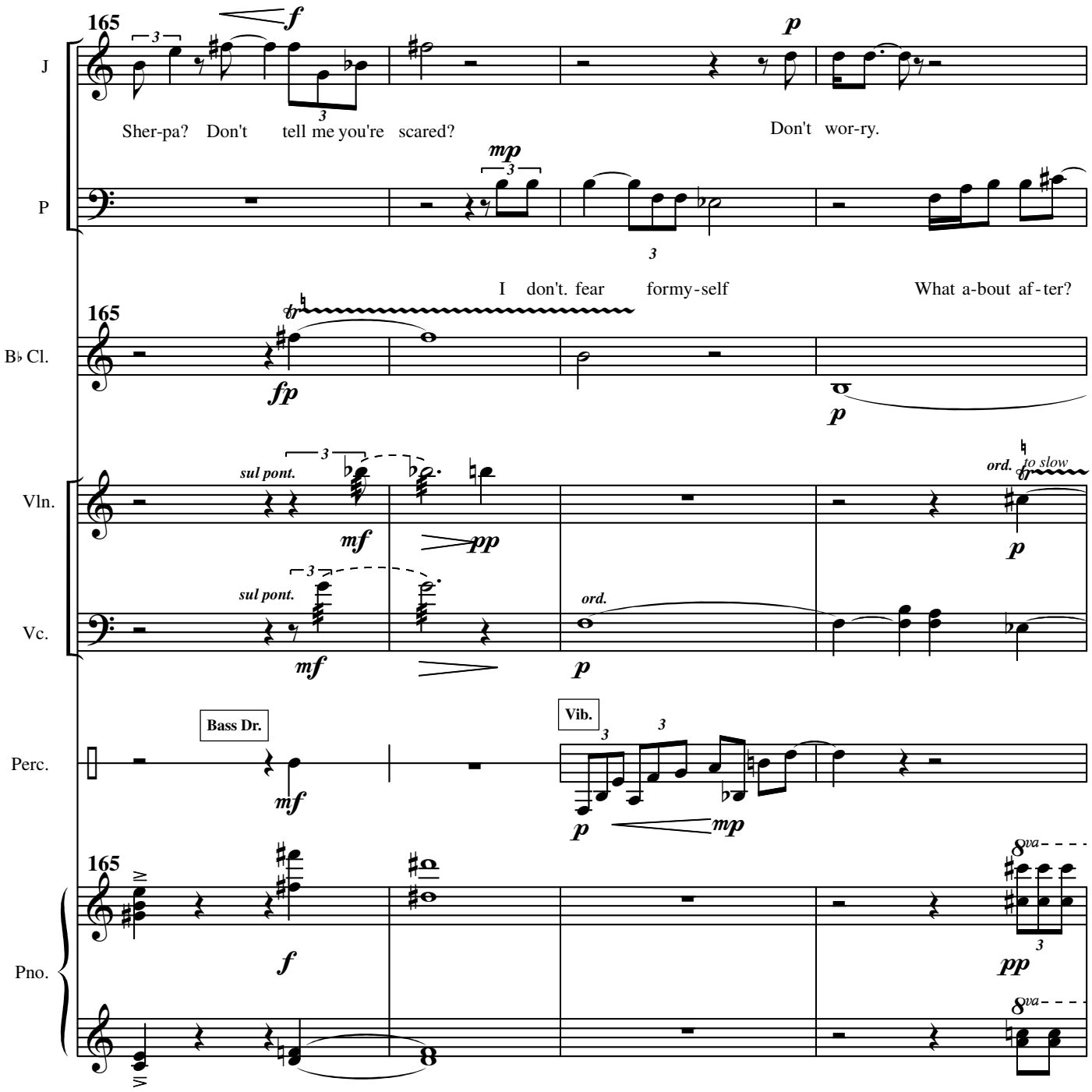

146
J
mp
You treat me like a child.
P
mp
3
3
p
scent. It's a long long way. You for-get. long
146
B♭ Cl.
pp
p
Vln.
p
Vc.
p
Perc.
p
n
p
146
Pno.

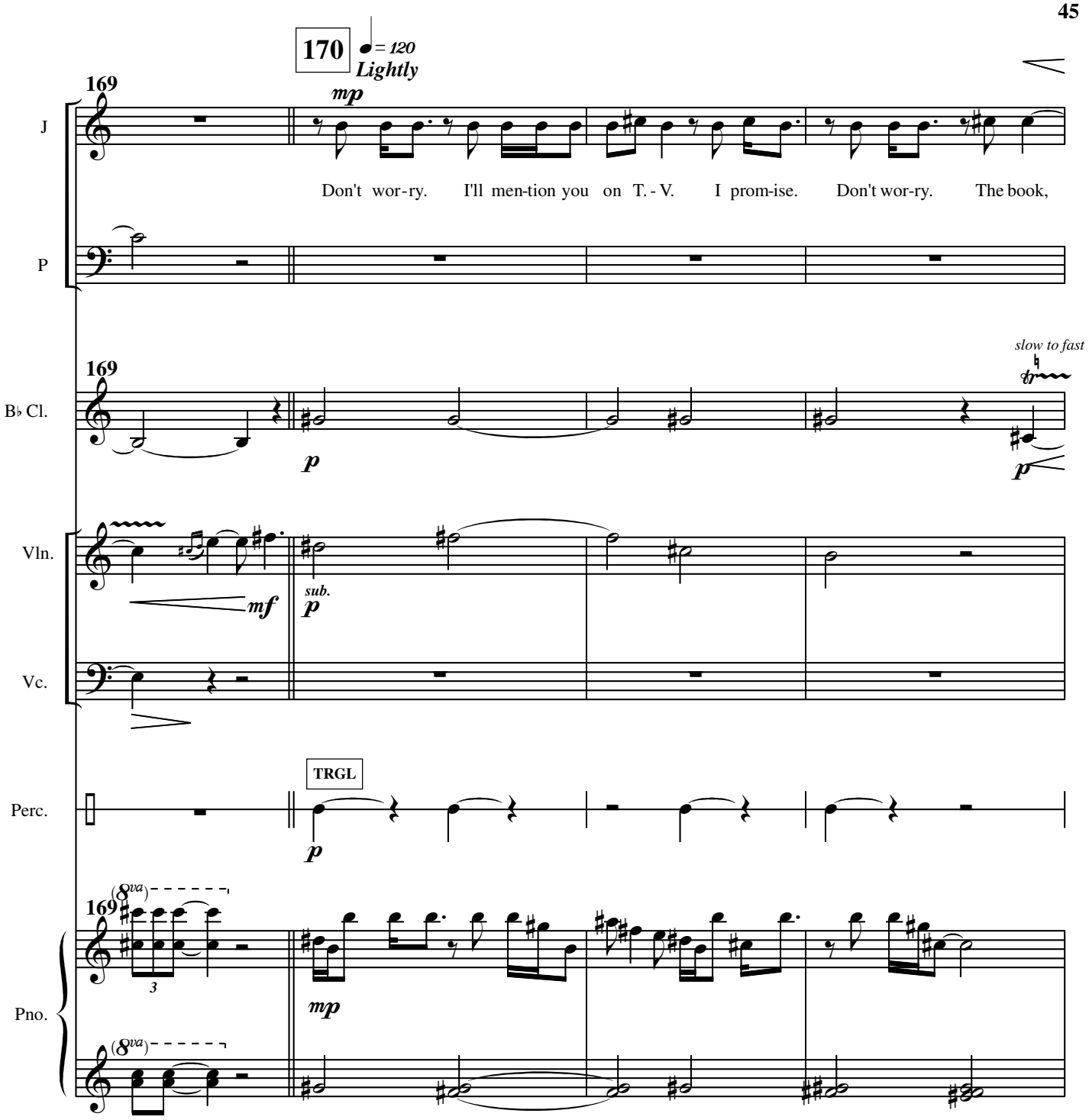

150
J
mf
I may not be Nep-al-ese.
But I've climbed my share of moun-tains!
P
long way
150
B♭ Cl.
n
p
n
mf
Vln.
mf
Vc.
Perc.
mp
150
Pno.
mf

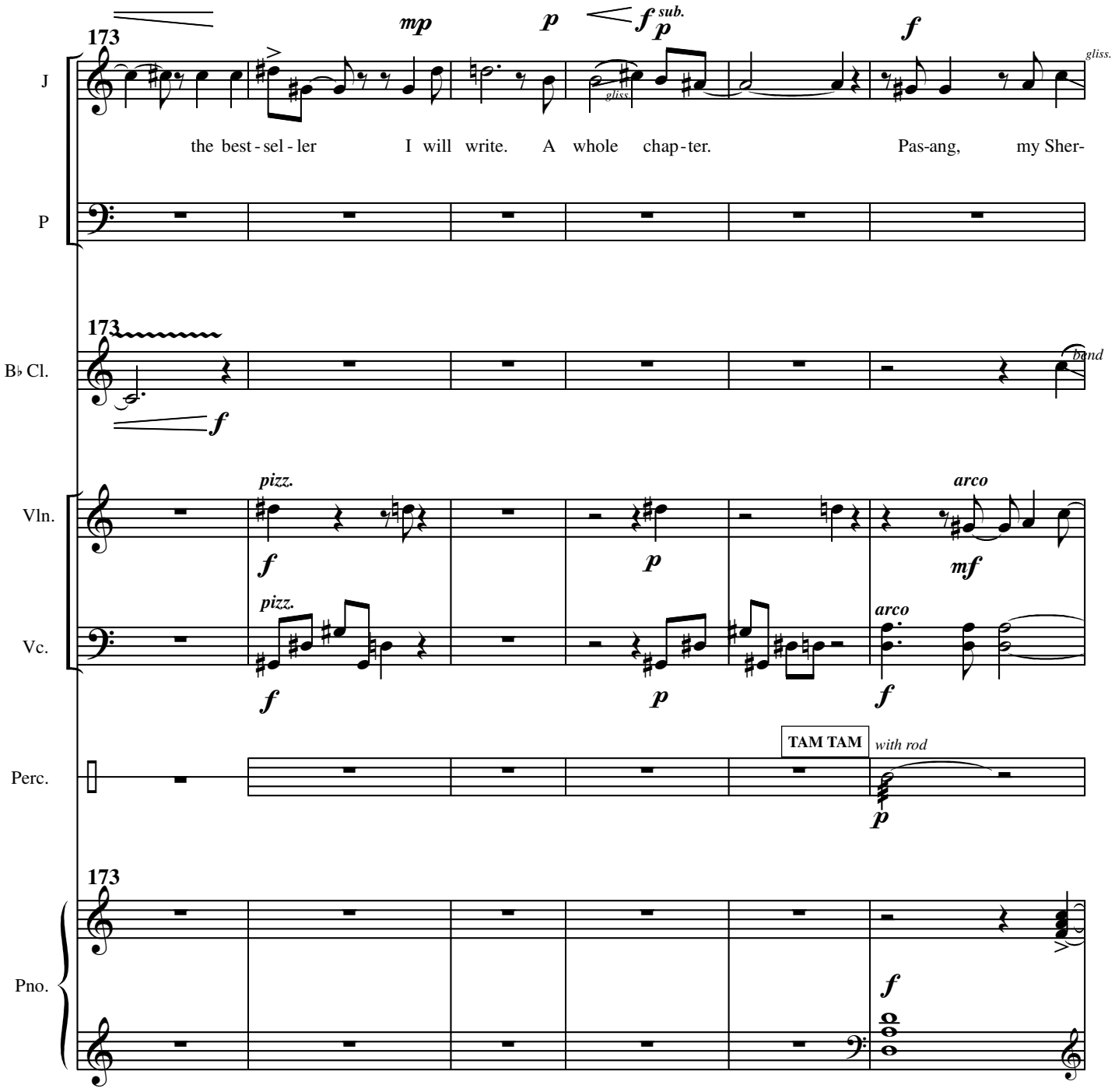

153
J
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.
An-y-thing I want...
Trust me
Pas-ang
We
It's a long long way.
mf
p
f
mp
sub.
8vb

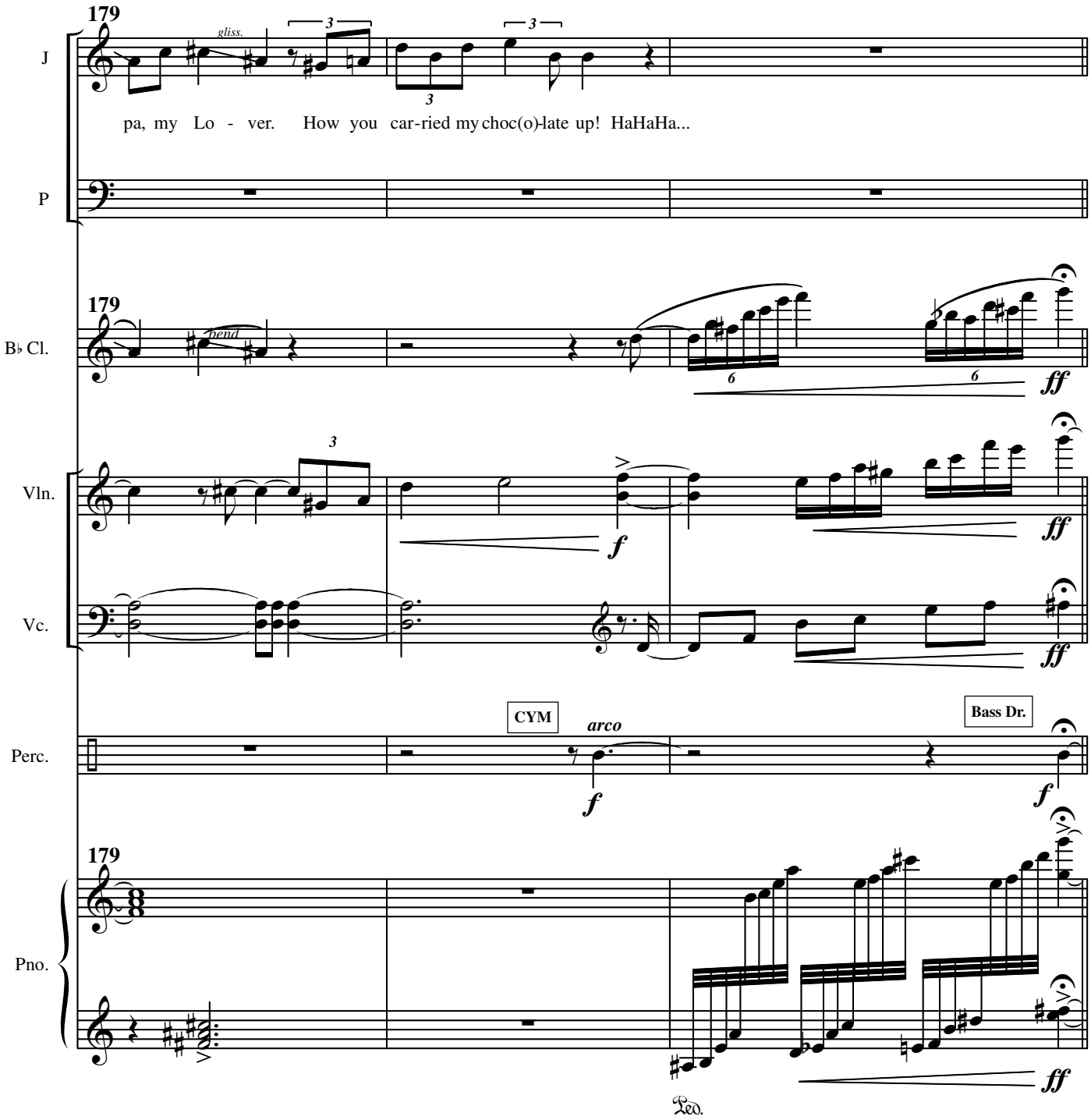

157
J
will get down.
We will get down.
I'm so sure.
p
mp
P
I'm not so sure.
I'm not so sure.
I'm not so sure.
157
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
p
Vc.
3
mf
p
Perc.
157
Pno.
ppp
3

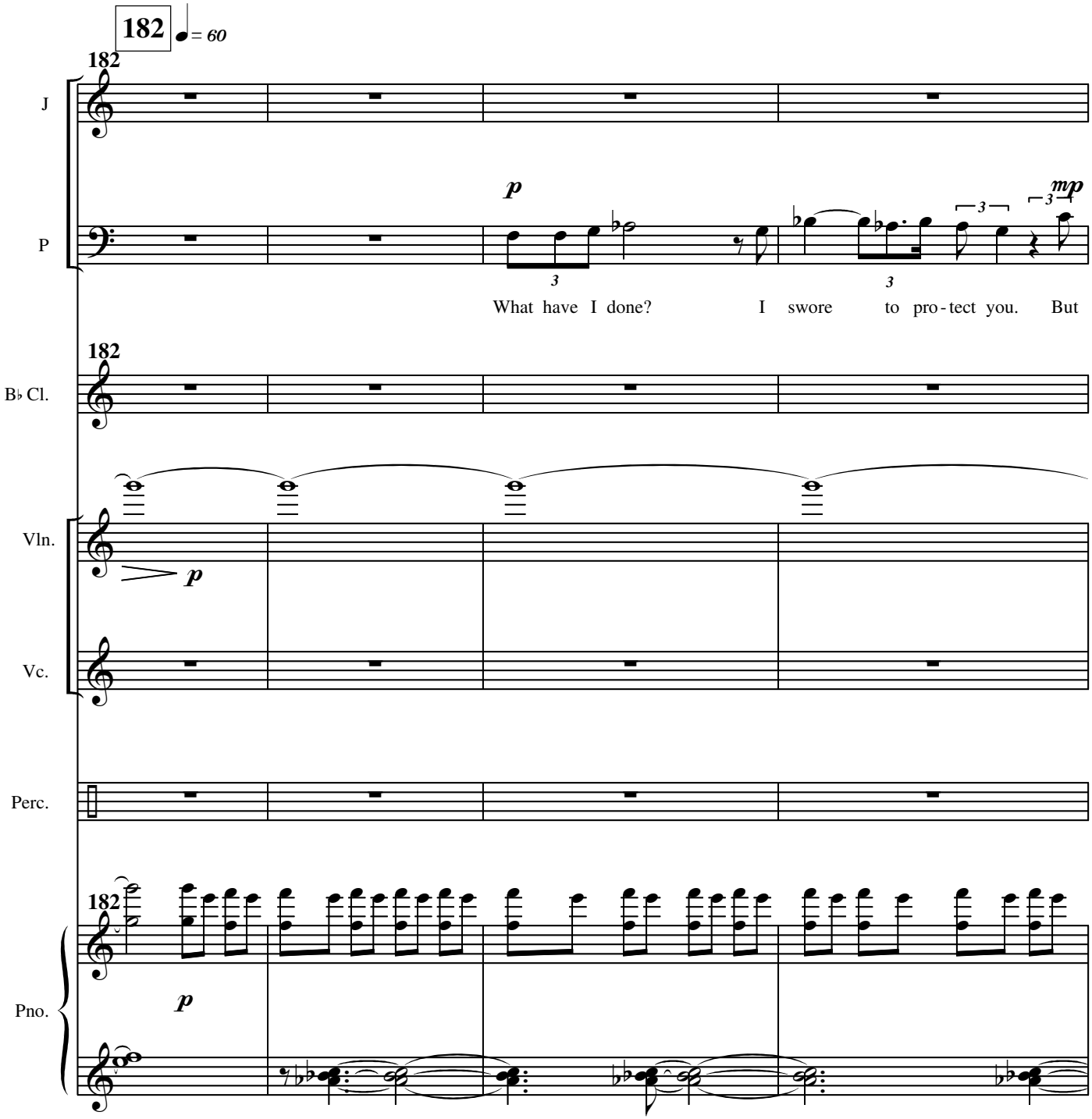

161
J
We will get down.
A might - y proud
P
I'm not so sure.
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
CYM
Perc.
Pno.
sub.
ppp

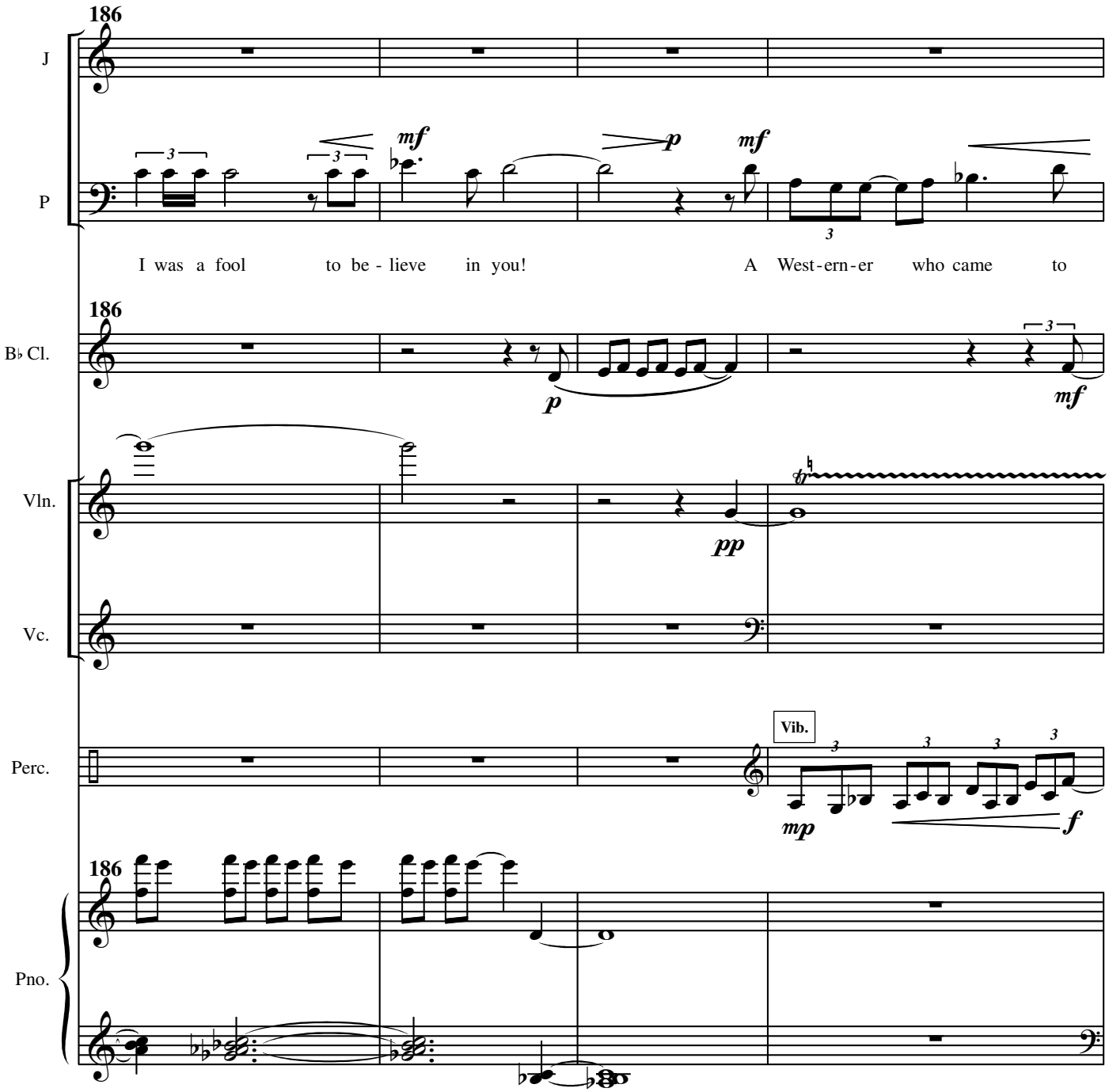

165
J
Sher-pa? Don't tell me you're scared?
Don't wor-ry.
P
I don't. fear formy-self
What a-bout af-ter?
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
sul pont.
ord.
to slow
Vc.
Bass Dr.
Vib.
Perc.
Pno.
8va

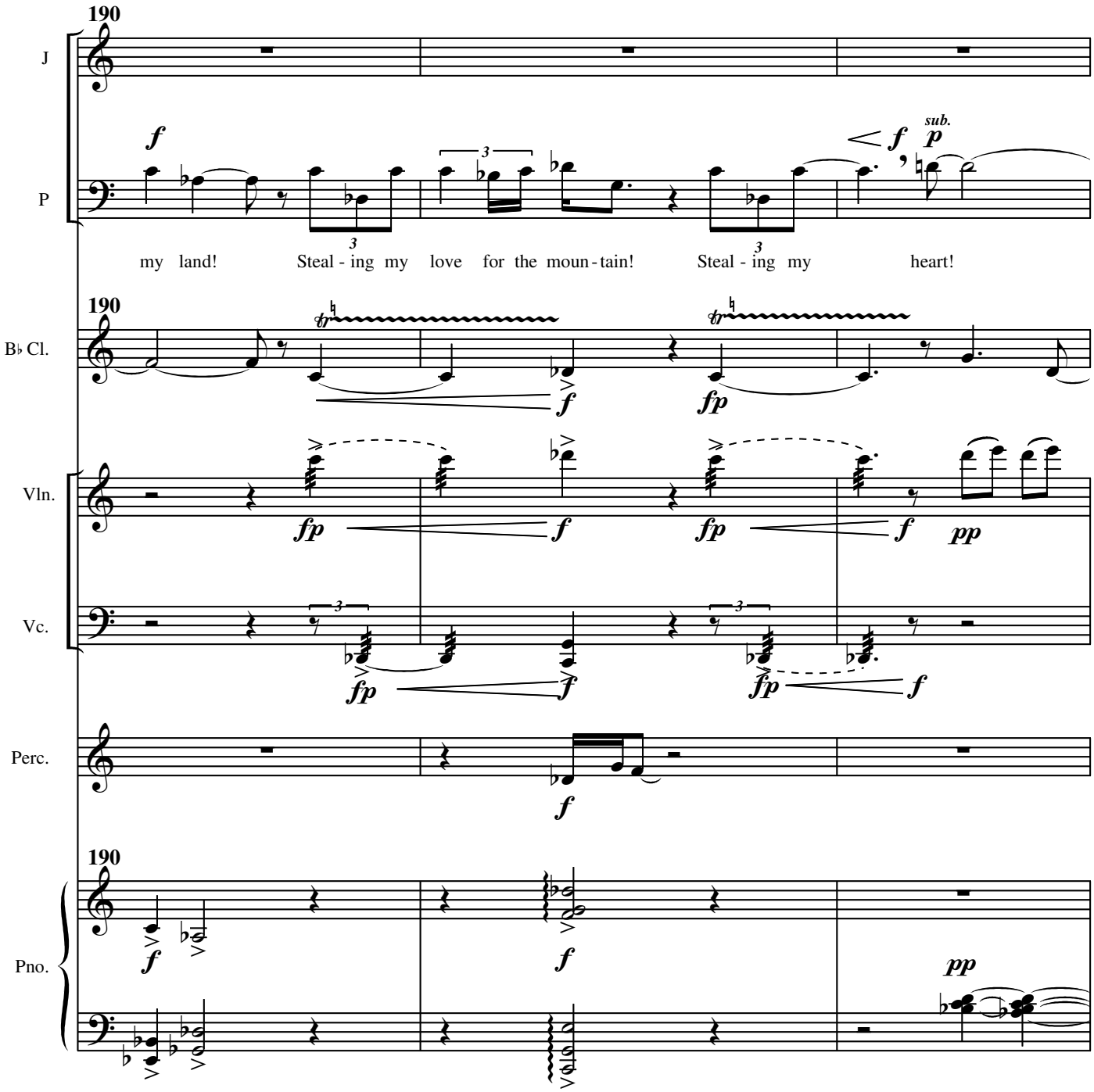

170
♩ = 120
Lightly
169
mp
J
Don't wor-ry. I'll men-tion you on T. - V. I prom-ise. Don't wor-ry. The book,
P
169
slow to fast
B♭ Cl.
p
p
Vln.
mf
sub.
p
Vc.
TRGL
Perc.
p
169
(8va)
3
mp
Pno.
(8va)

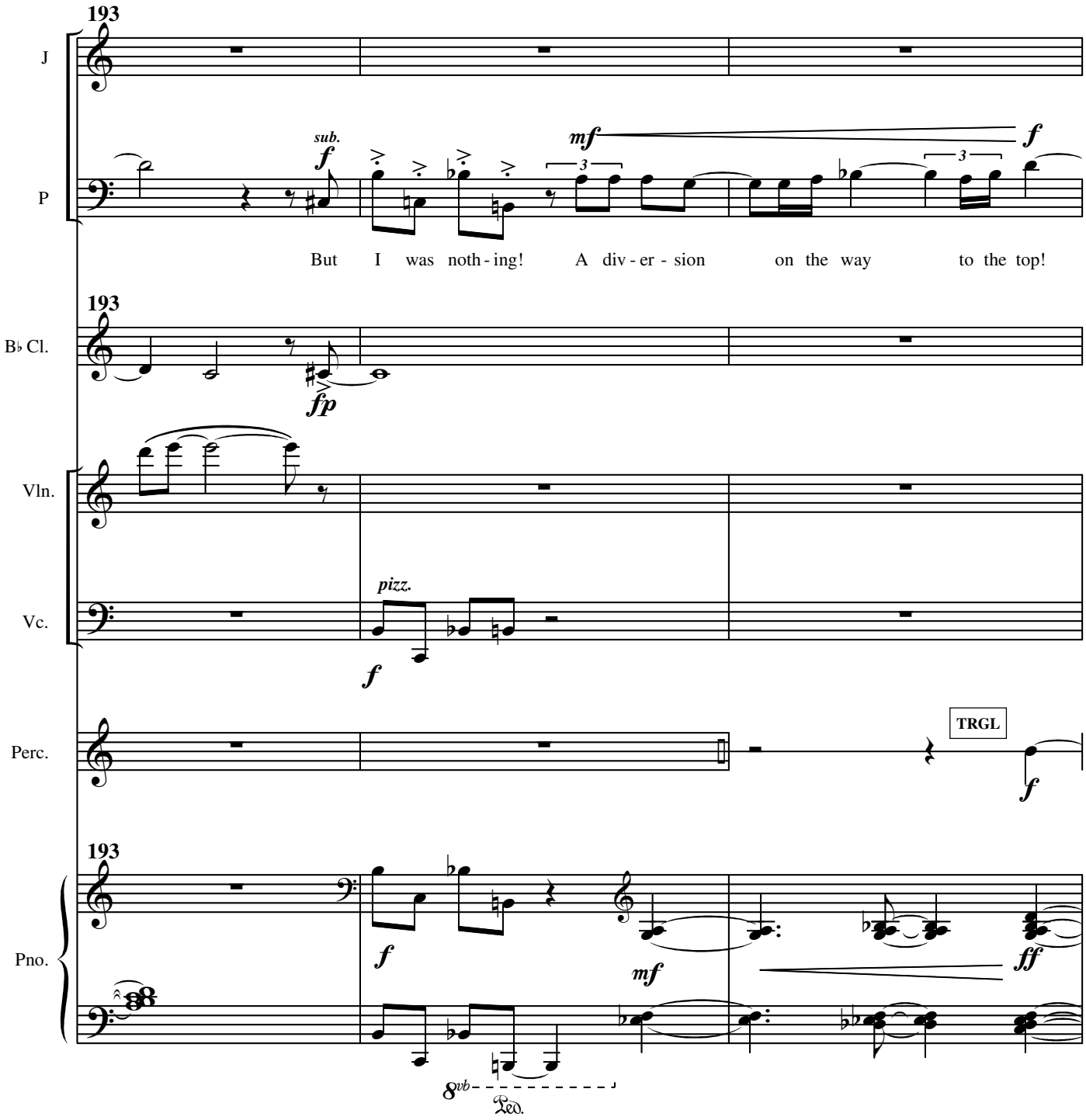

173
J
mp
p
f sub.
p
f
gliss.
gliss.
the best - sel - ler I will write. A whole chap - ter. Pas-ang, my Sher-
P
173
B♭ Cl.
f
band
Vln.
pizz.
f
p
arco
mf
Vc.
pizz.
f
p
arco
f
Perc.
TAM TAM
with rod
p
173
Pno.
f

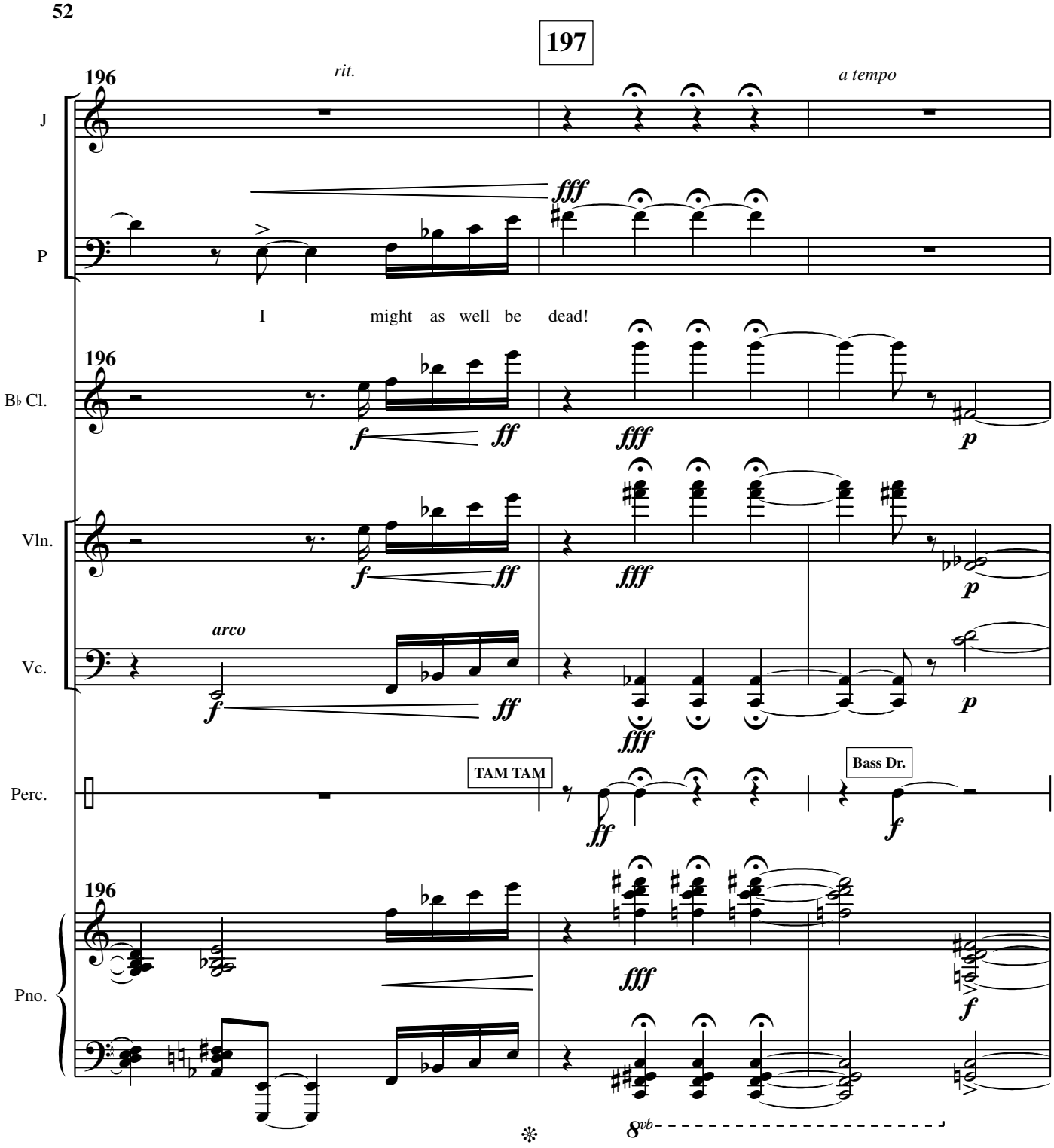

179
J
gliss.
3
3
3
pa, my Lo - ver. How you car-ried my choc(o)-late up! HaHaHa...
P
179
B♭ Cl.
bend
6
6
ff
Vln.
3
f
ff
Vc.
ff
CYM
arco
Bass Dr.
Perc.
f
f
179
Pno.
ff
Ped.

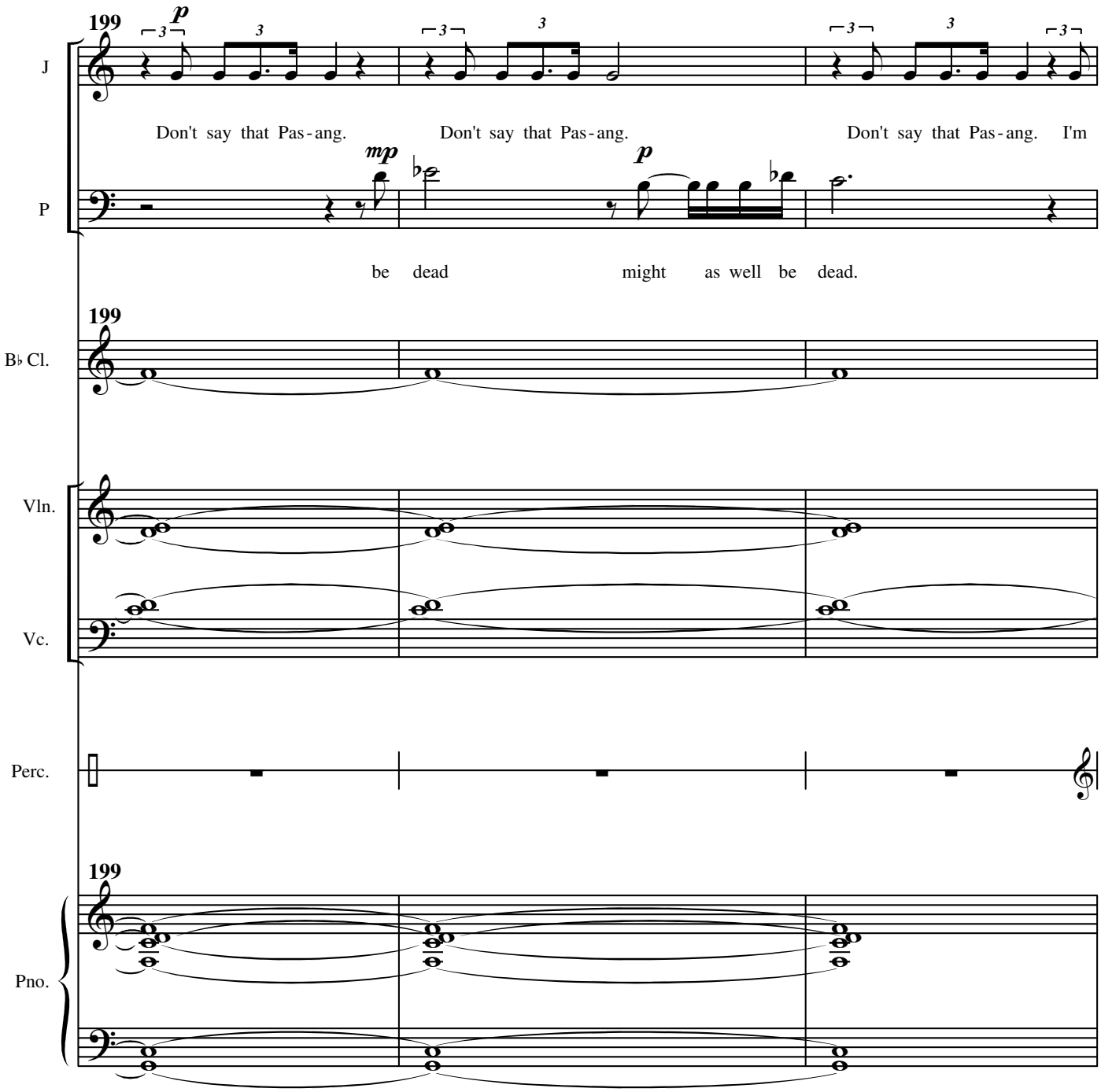

182
= 60
182
J
P
p
mp
What have I done? I swore to pro-tect you. But
182
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
p
Vc.
Perc.
182
Pno.
p

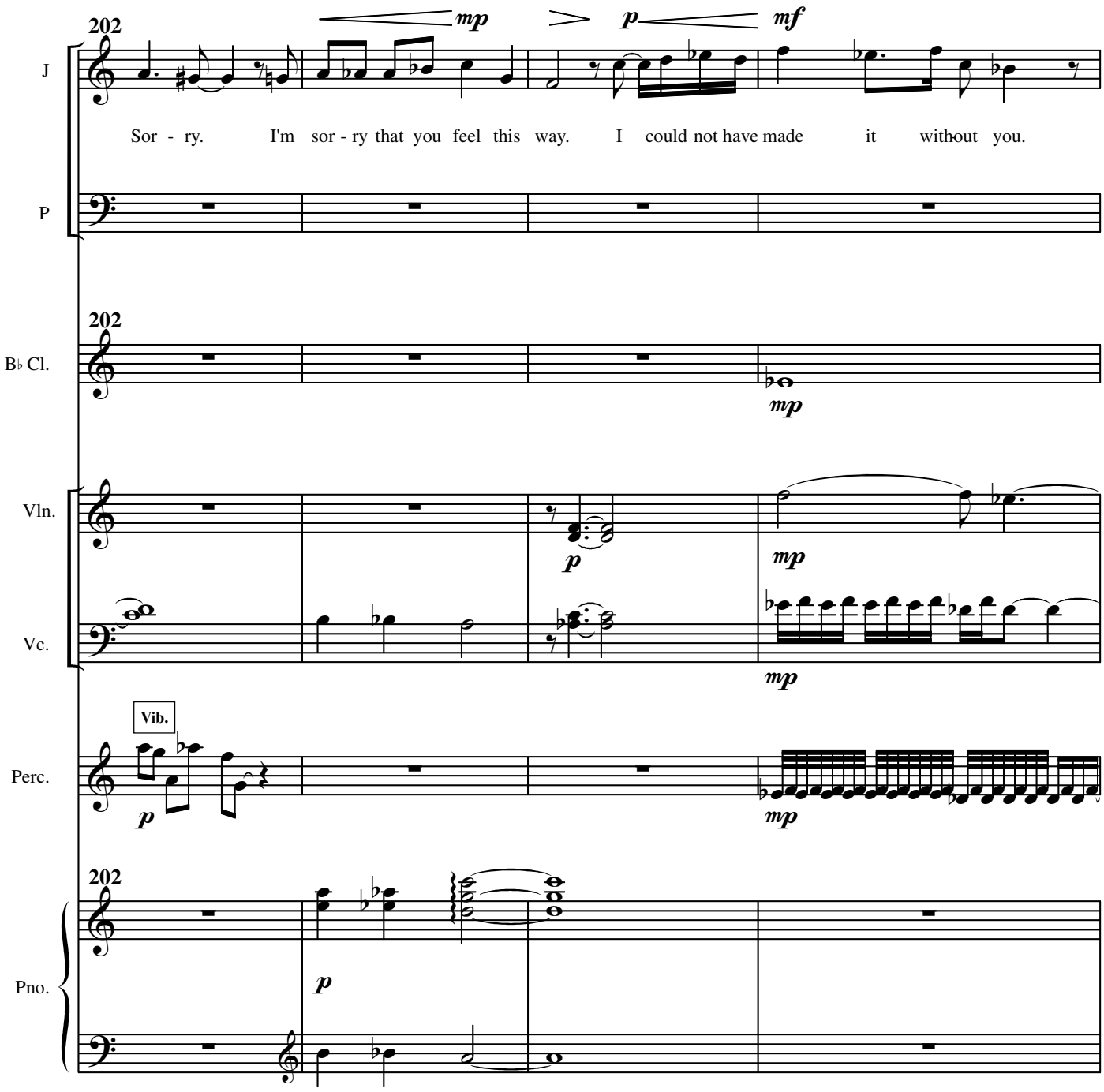

186
J
P
mf
p
mf
I was a fool to be - lieve in you! A West-ern-er who came to
186
B♭ Cl.
p
mf
Vln.
pp
Vc.
Perc.
Vib.
mp
f
186
Pno.

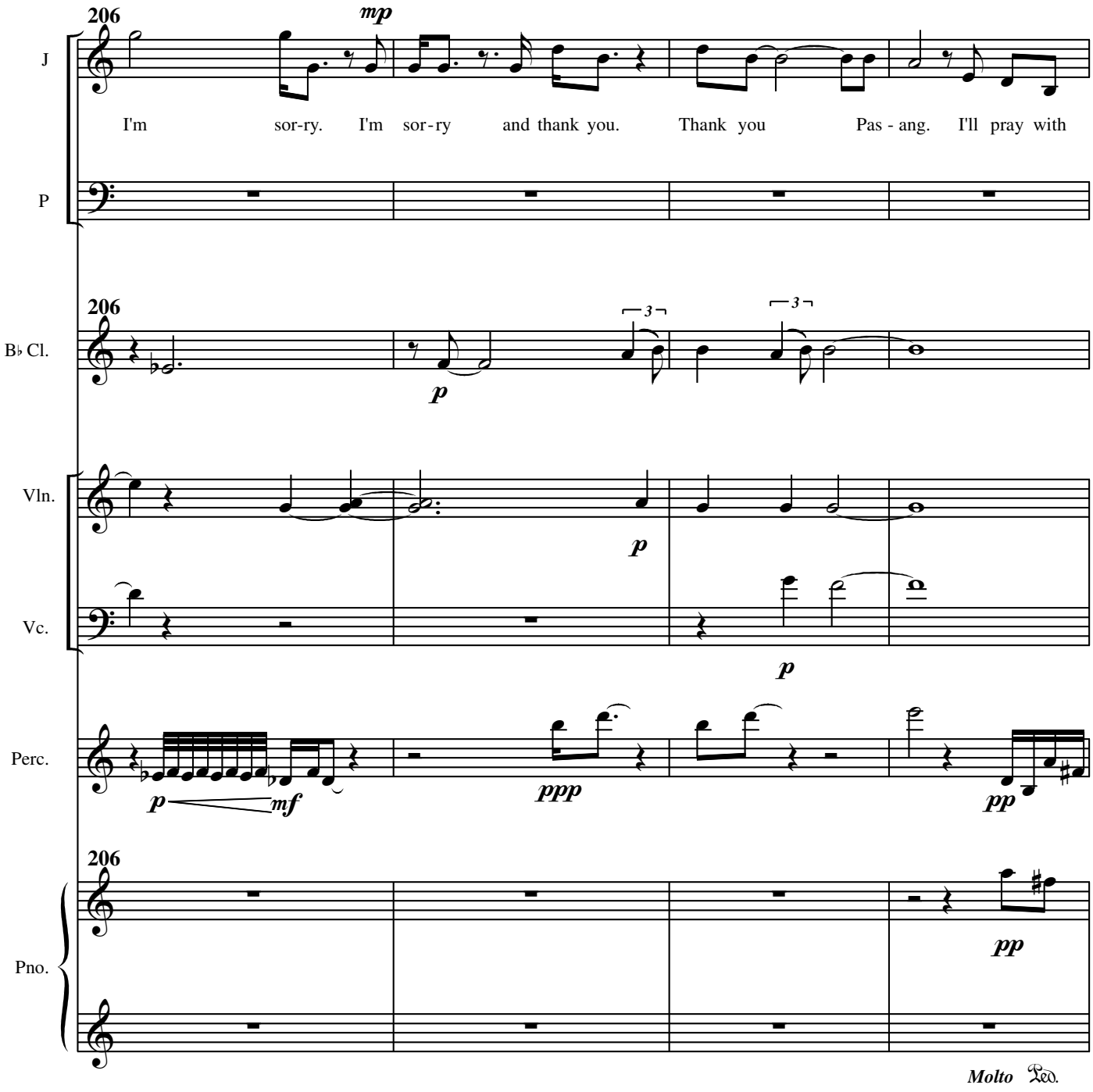

190
J
P
f
sub.
p
my land! Steal - ing my love for the moun - tain! Steal - ing my heart!
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.
fp
pp

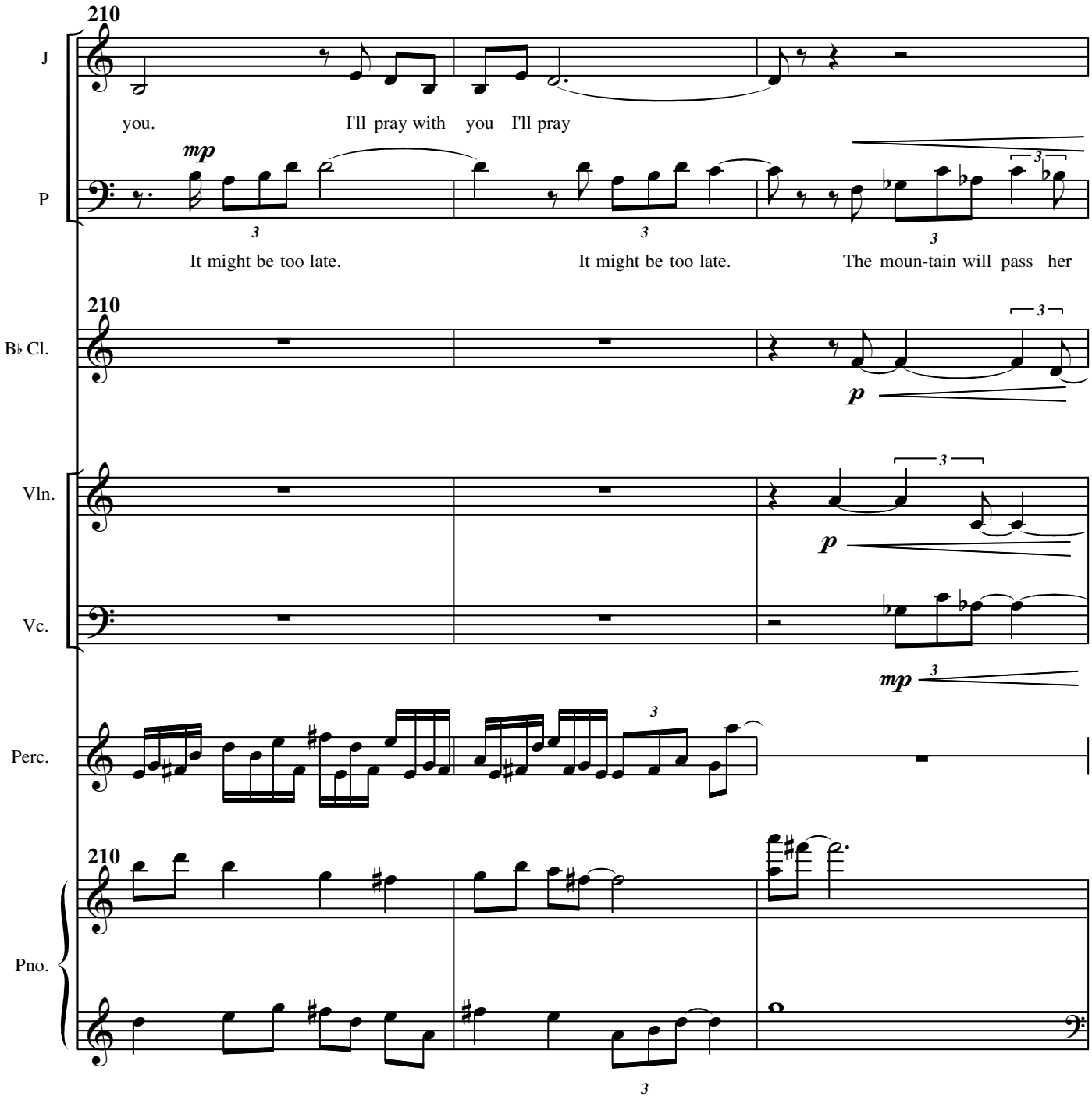

193
J
P
sub.
f
mf
f
3
3
But I was noth - ing! A div - er - sion on the way to the top!
193
B♭ Cl.
fp
Vln.
Vc.
pizz.
f
Perc.
TRGL
f
193
Pno.
f
mf
ff
8vb
Ped.

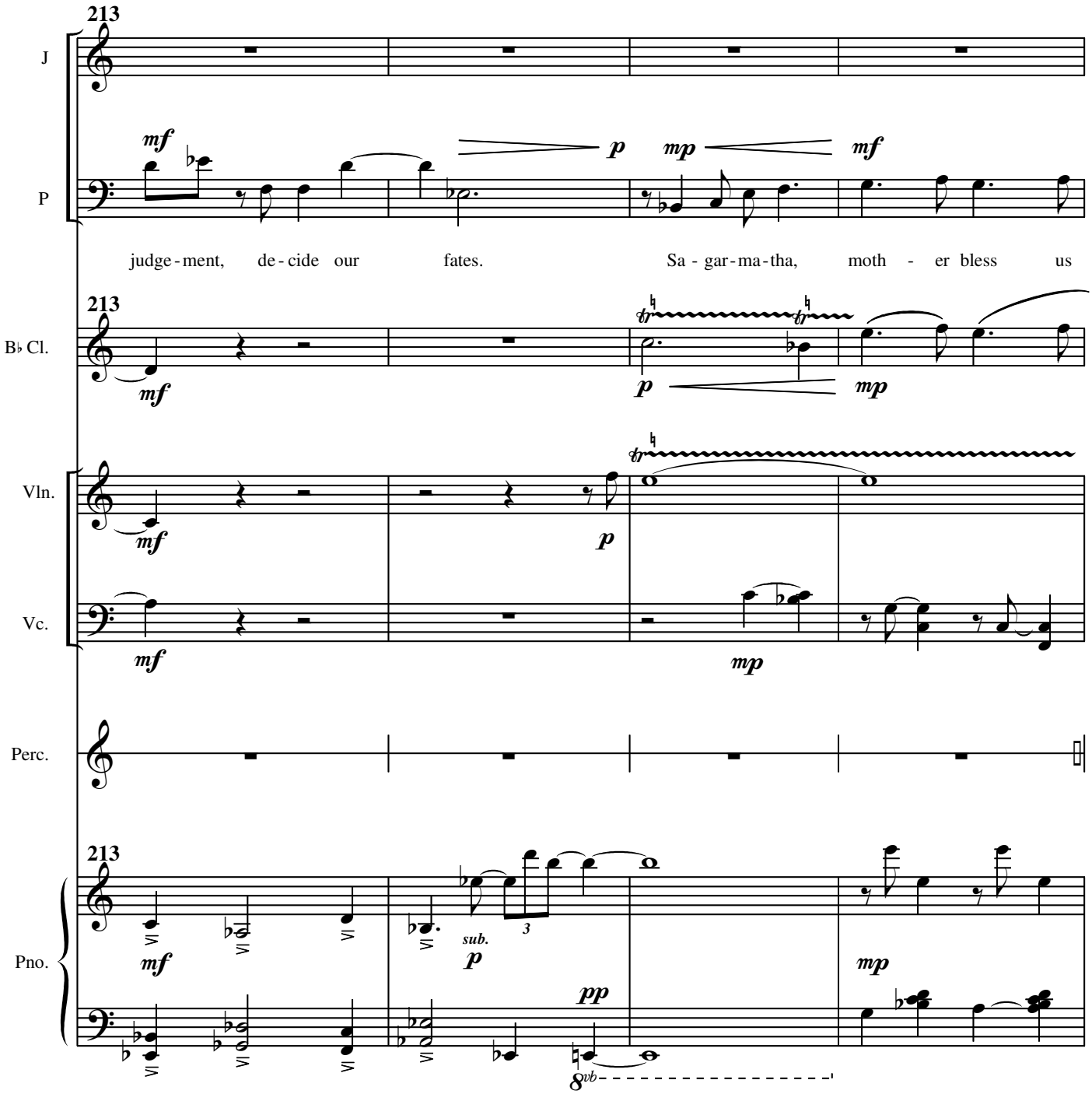

197
196
rit.
a tempo
J
P
fff
I might as well be dead!
196
B♭ Cl.
f
ff
fff
p
Vln.
arco
Vc.
TAM TAM
Bass Dr.
Perc.
196
Pno.
8vb

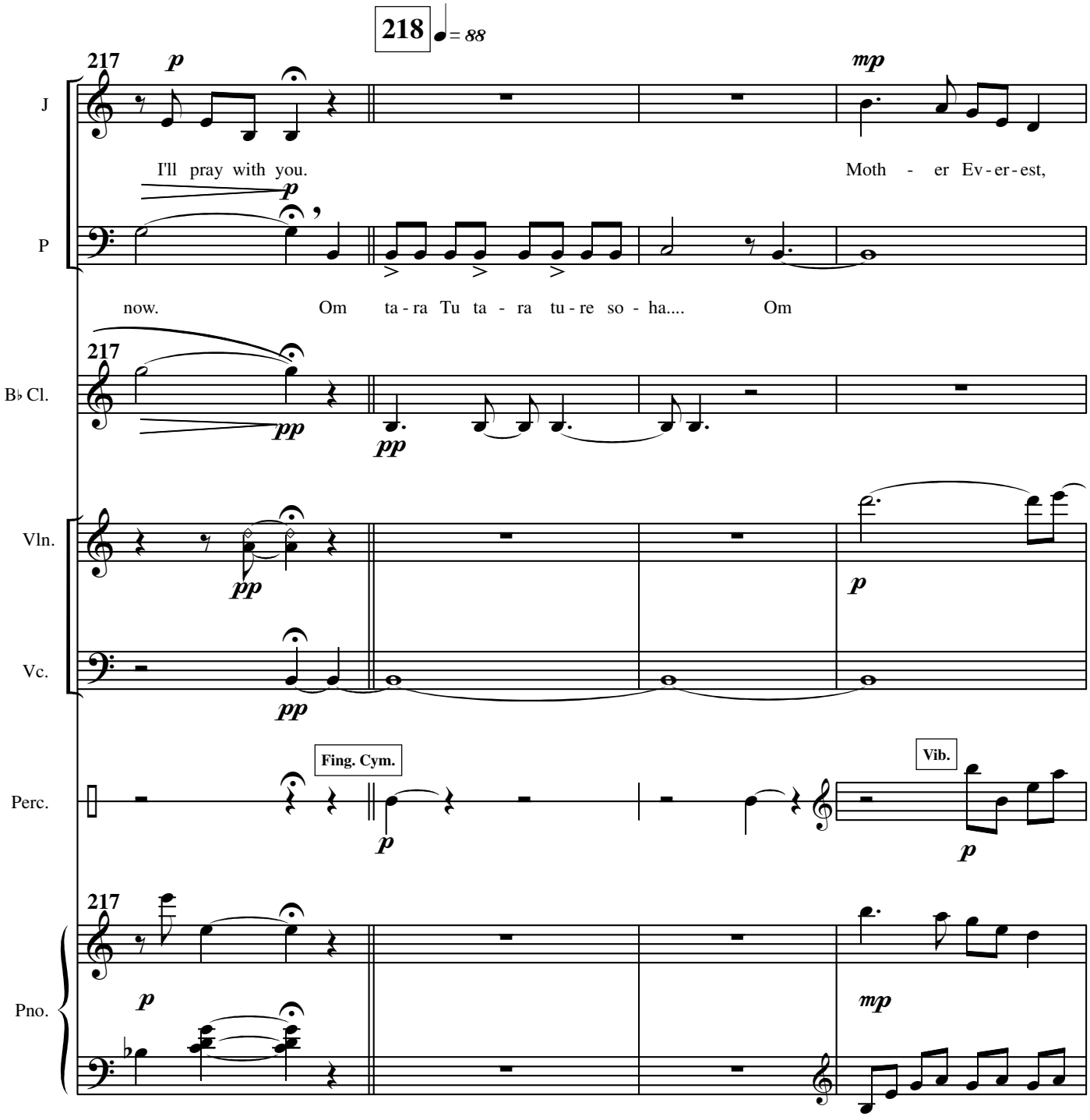

199
J
Don't say that Pas-ang.
Don't say that Pas-ang.
Don't say that Pas-ang. I'm
P
be dead
might as well be dead.
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.

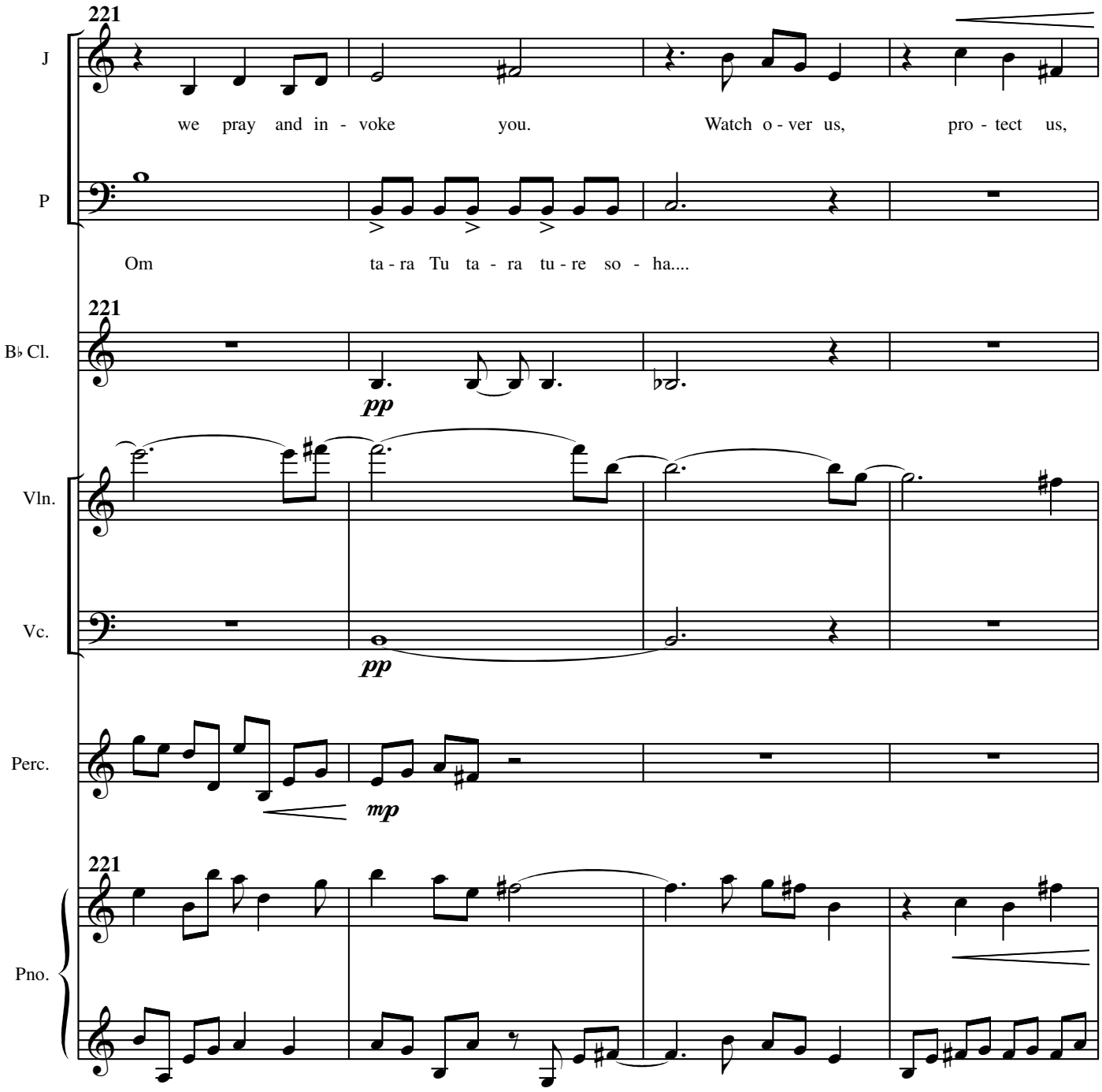

202
mp
p
mf
J
Sor - ry. I'm sor - ry that you feel this way. I could not have made it without you.
P
202
B♭ Cl.
mp
Vln.
p
mp
Vc.
mp
Vib.
Perc.
p
mp
202
Pno.
p

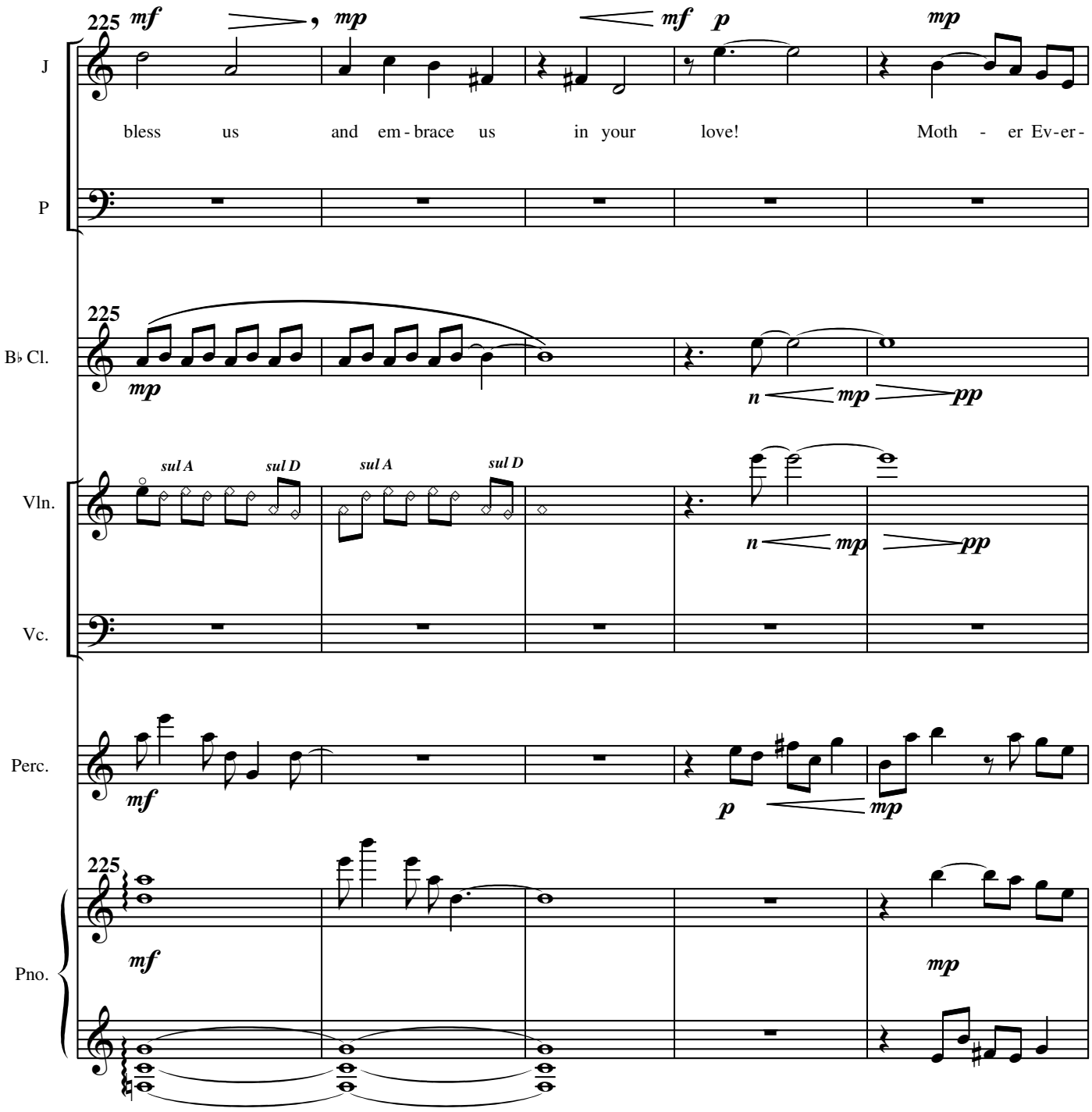

206
mp
J
I'm sor-ry. I'm sor-ry and thank you. Thank you Pas - ang. I'll pray with
P
206
B♭ Cl.
3
3
p
Vln.
p
Vc.
p
Perc.
p
mf
ppp
pp
206
Pno.
pp
Molto

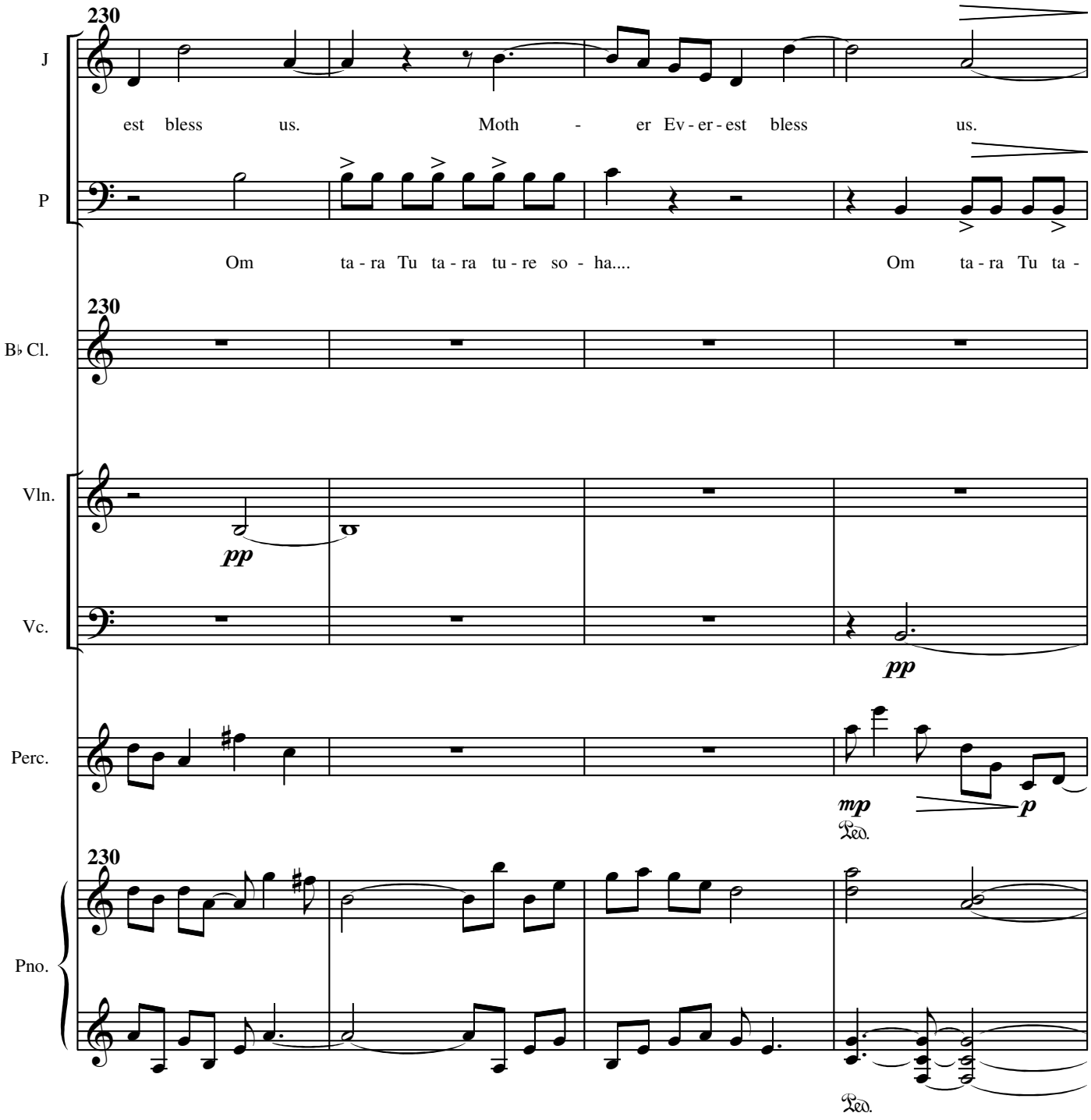

210
J
you.
I'll pray with you I'll pray
P
mp
It might be too late.
It might be too late.
The moun-tain will pass her
B♭ Cl.
p
Vln.
Vc.
mp
Perc.
Pno.

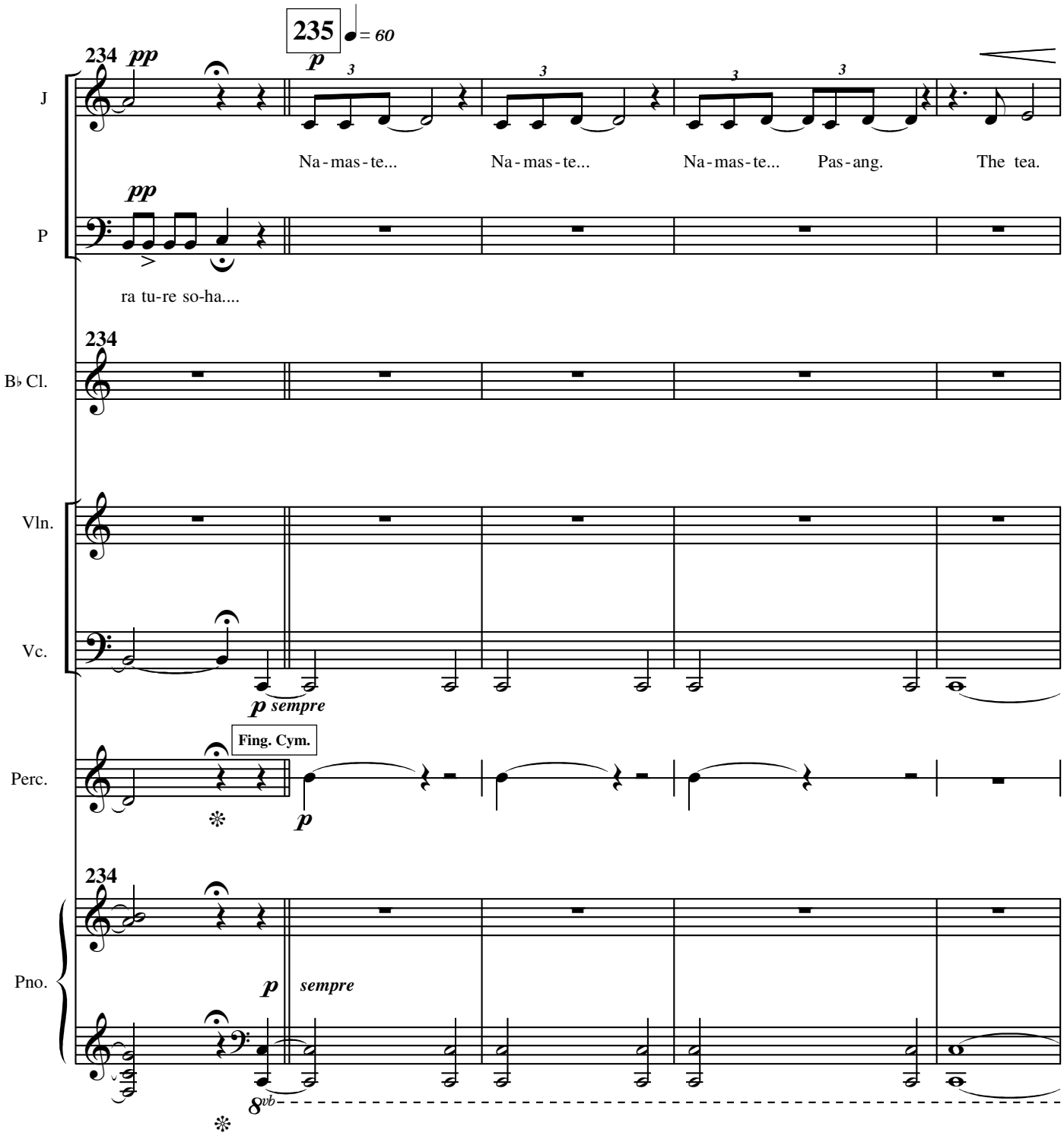

213
J
P
mf
p
mp
mf
judge - ment, de - cide our fates. Sa - gar - ma - tha, moth - er bless us
213
B♭ Cl.
mf
p
mp
Vln.
Vc.
mf
p
mp
Perc.
213
Pno.
mf
sub.
p
3
pp
mp
8vb

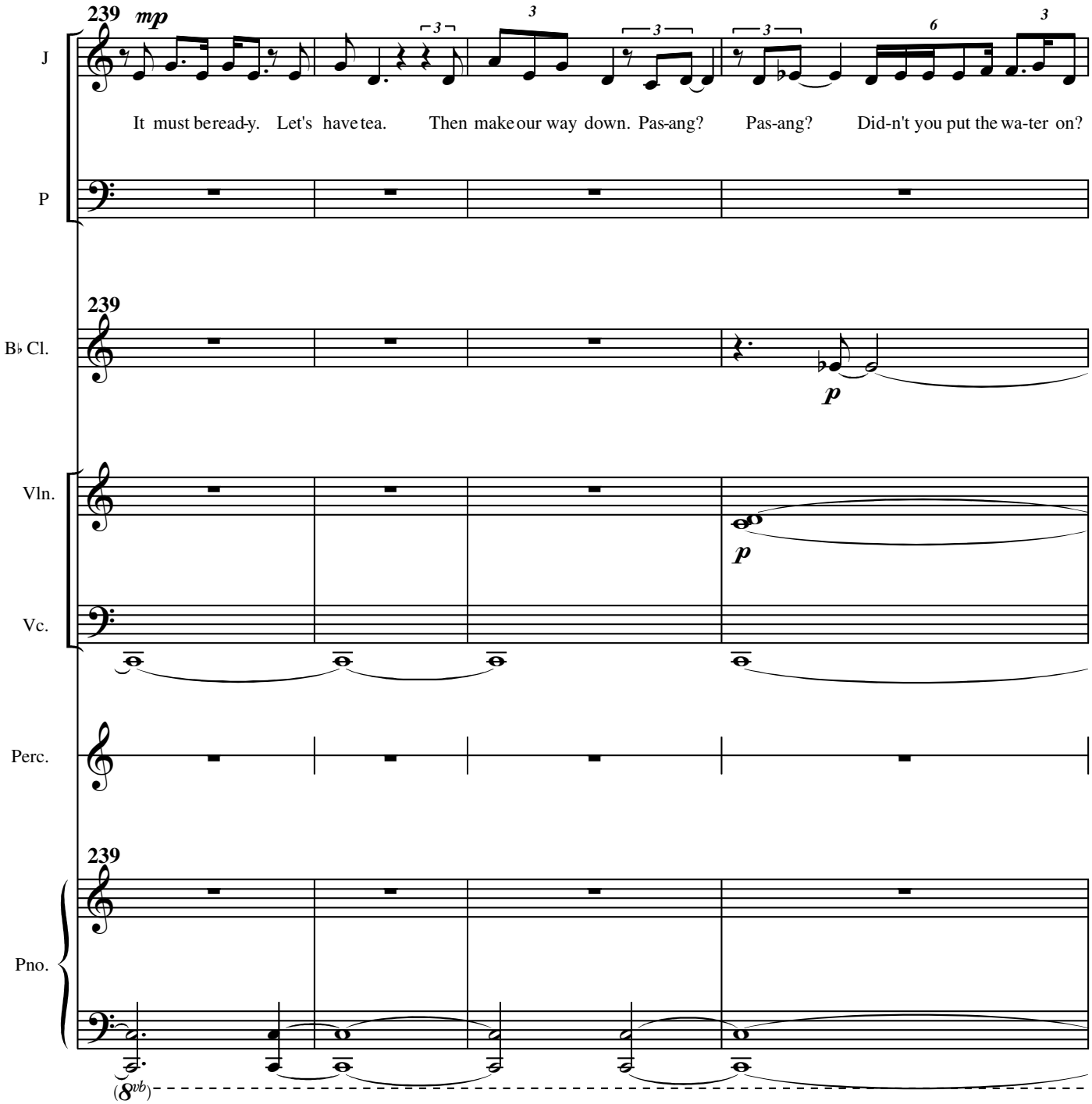

218
♩= 88
217
J
I'll pray with you.
Moth - er Ev-er-est,
P
now.
Om ta-ra Tu ta - ra tu-re so - ha....
Om
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Fing. Cym.
Vib.
Perc.
Pno.

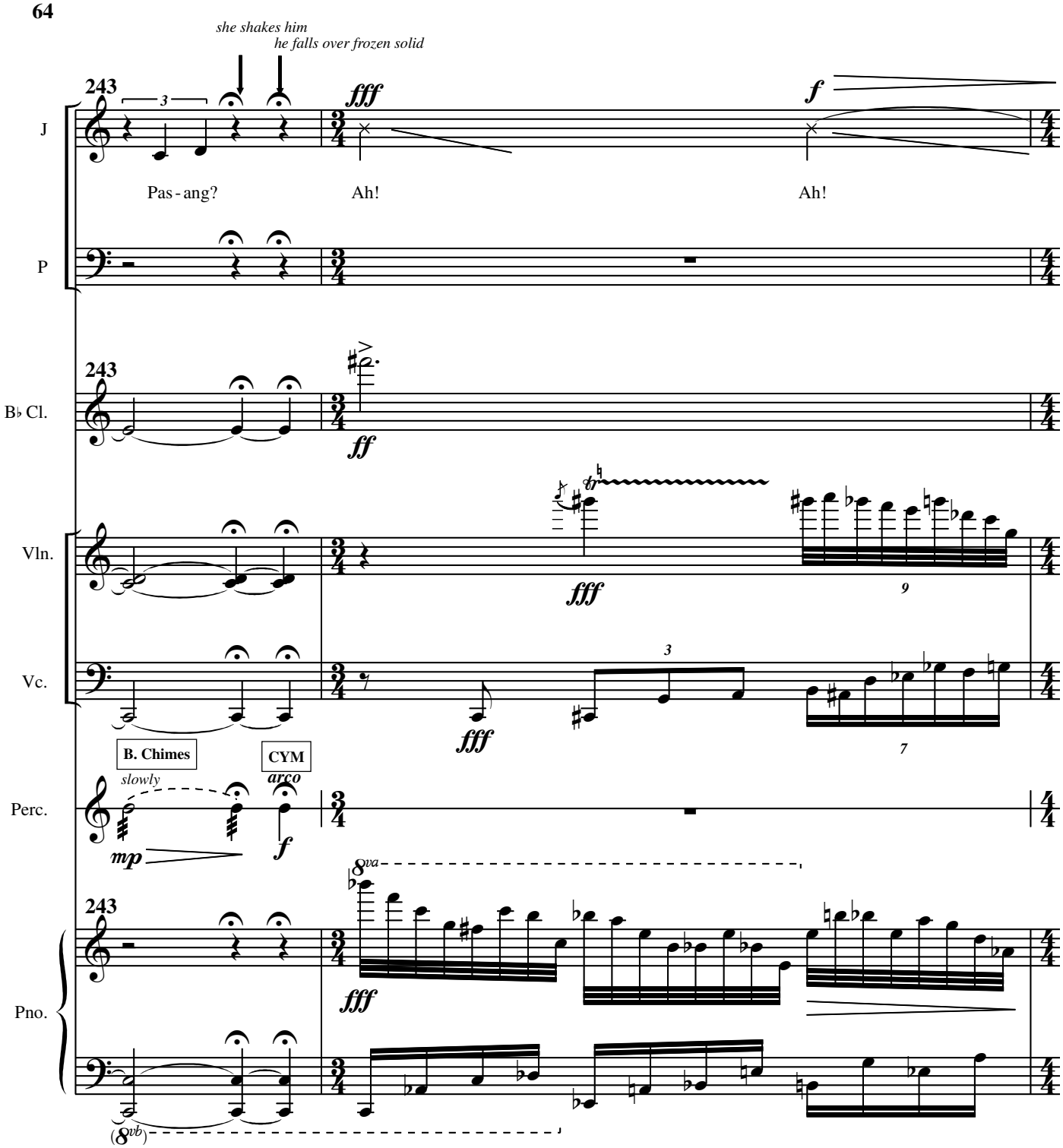

221
J
we pray and in - voke you. Watch o - ver us, pro - tect us,
P
Om ta - ra Tu ta - ra tu - re so - ha....
221
B♭ Cl.
pp
Vln.
Vc.
pp
Perc.
mp
221
Pno.

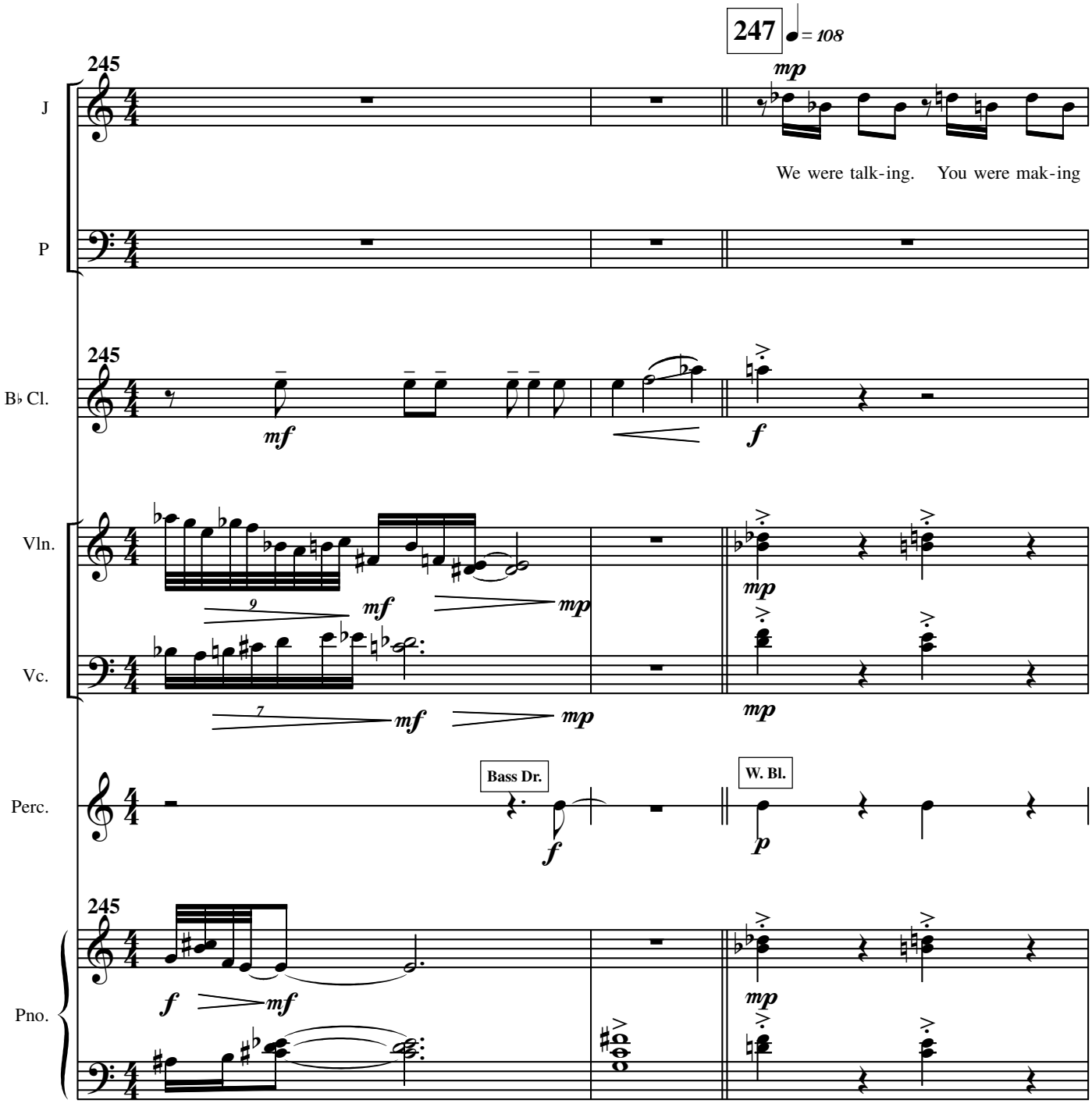

225
mf
mp
mf
p
mp
J
bless us and em - brace us in your love! Moth - er Ev-er-
P
225
B♭ Cl.
mp
n
mp
pp
sul A
sul D
sul A
sul D
Vln.
n
mp
pp
Vc.
Perc.
mf
p
mp
225
mf
Pno.
mp

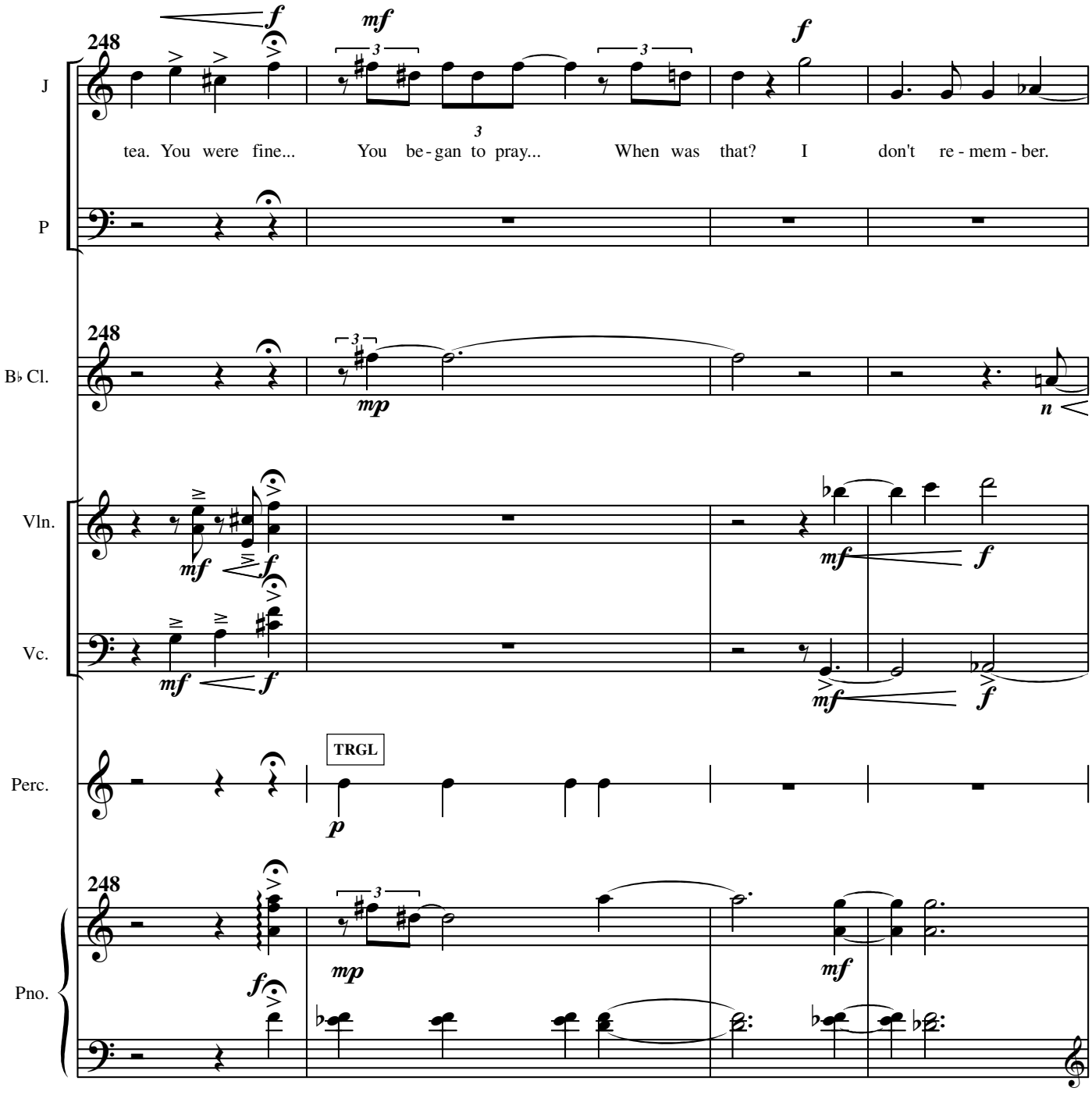

230
J
est bless us. Moth - er Ev - er - est bless us.
P
Om ta - ra Tu ta - ra tu - re so - ha.... Om ta - ra Tu ta -
230
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
pp
Vc.
pp
Perc.
mp
p
Ped.
230
Pno.
Ped.


235
= 60
234
pp
p
J
Na - mas - te...
Na - mas - te...
Na - mas - te...
Pas - ang.
The tea.
pp
P
ra tu-re so-ha....
234
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
p sempre
Fing. Cym.
Perc.
p
234
Pno.
p
sempre
8vb


239
mp
J
It must be ready. Let's have tea. Then make our way down. Pas-ang? Pas-ang? Did-n't you put the wa-ter on?
P
239
B♭ Cl.
p
Vln.
p
Vc.
Perc.
239
Pno.
(8vb)


she shakes him
he falls over frozen solid
243
J
Pas - ang?
Ah!
Ah!
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
B. Chimes
slowly
CYM
arco
Perc.
Pno.


247
= 108
245
J
mp
We were talk-ing. You were mak-ing
P
245
B♭ Cl.
mf
f
Vln.
9
mf
mp
mp
Vc.
7
mf
mp
mp
Perc.
Bass Dr.
f
W. Bl.
p
245
Pno.
f
mf
mp


248
J
tea. You were fine... You be - gan to pray... When was that? I don't re - mem - ber.
P
248
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Vln.
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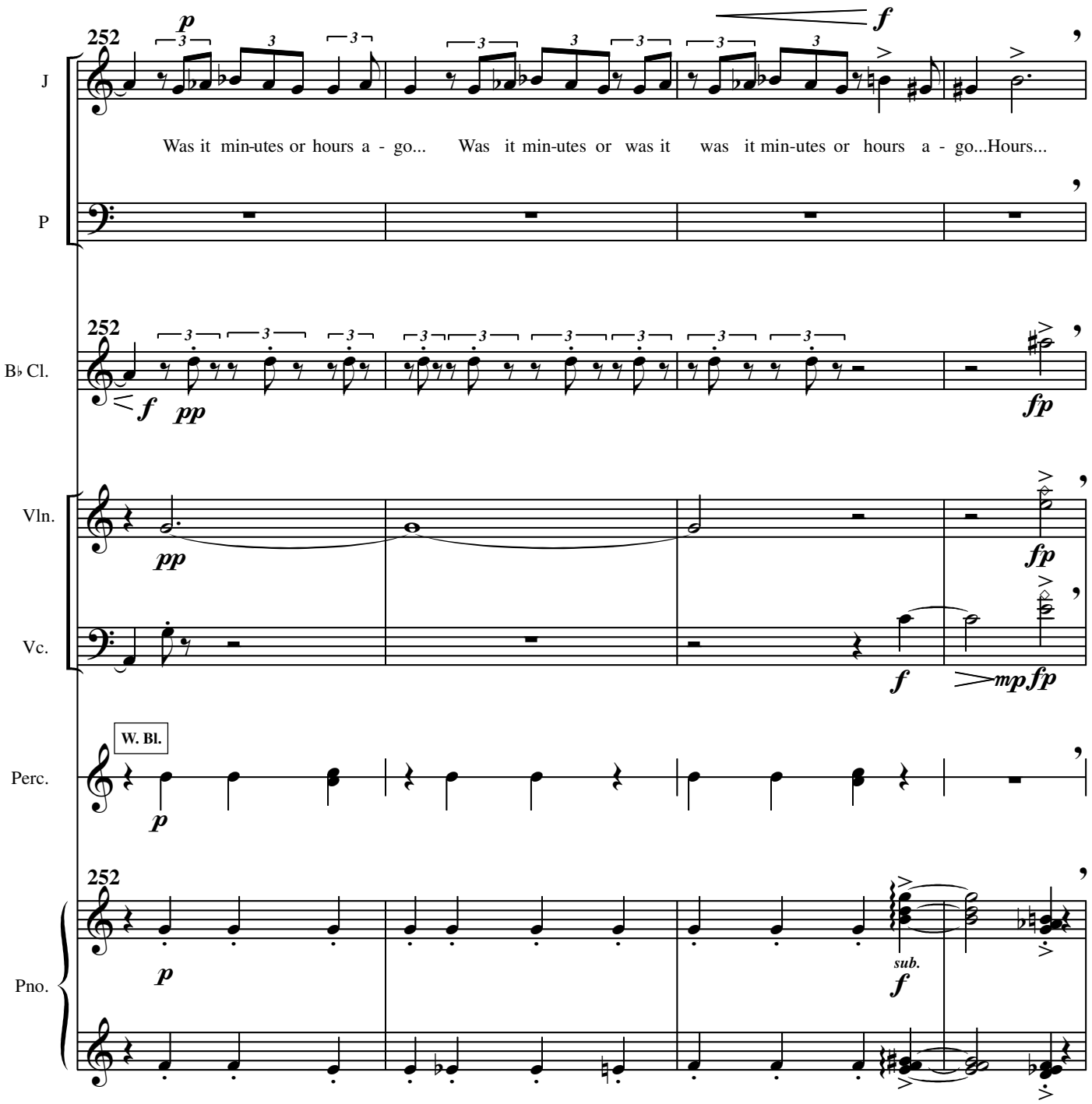
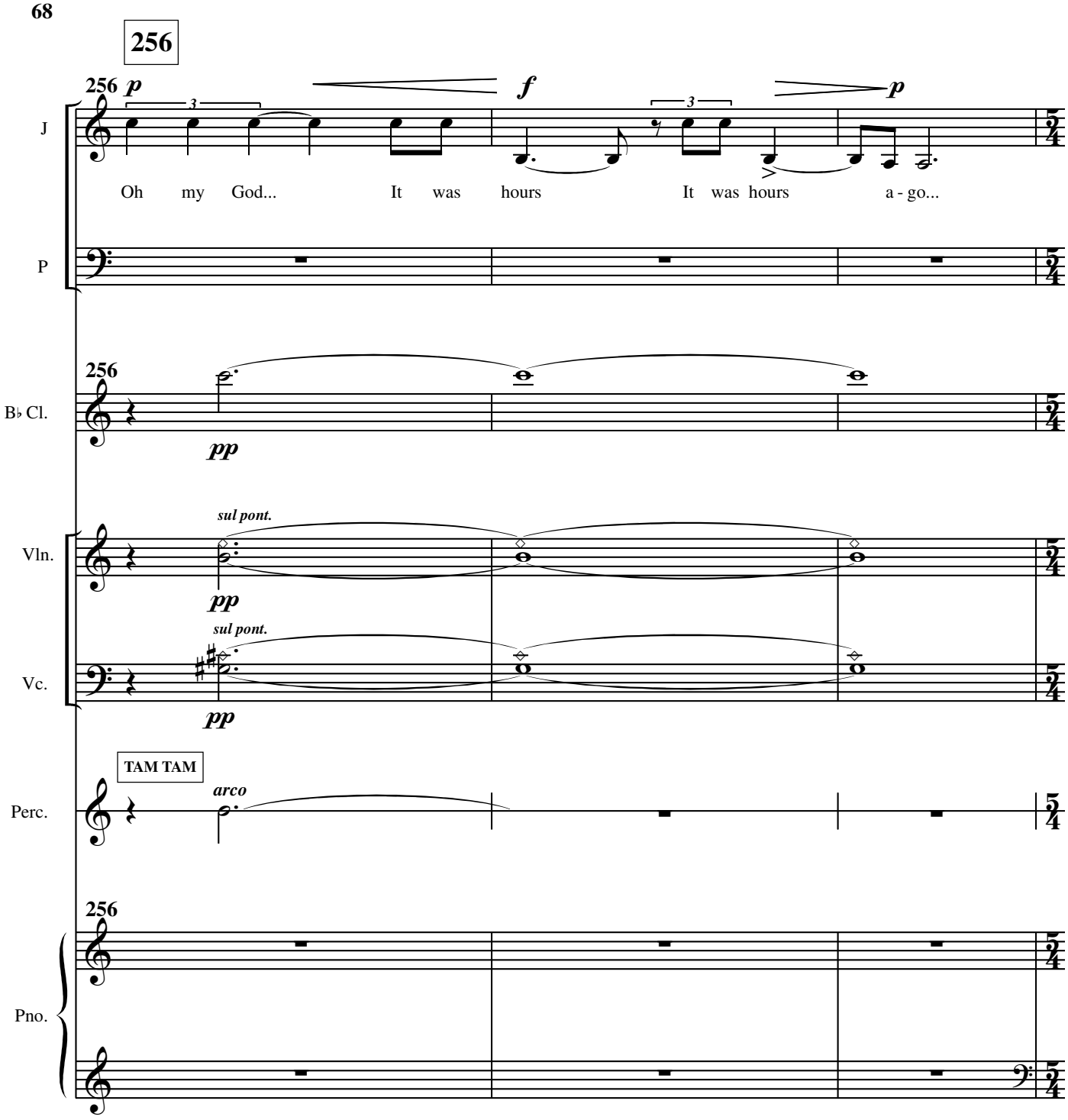
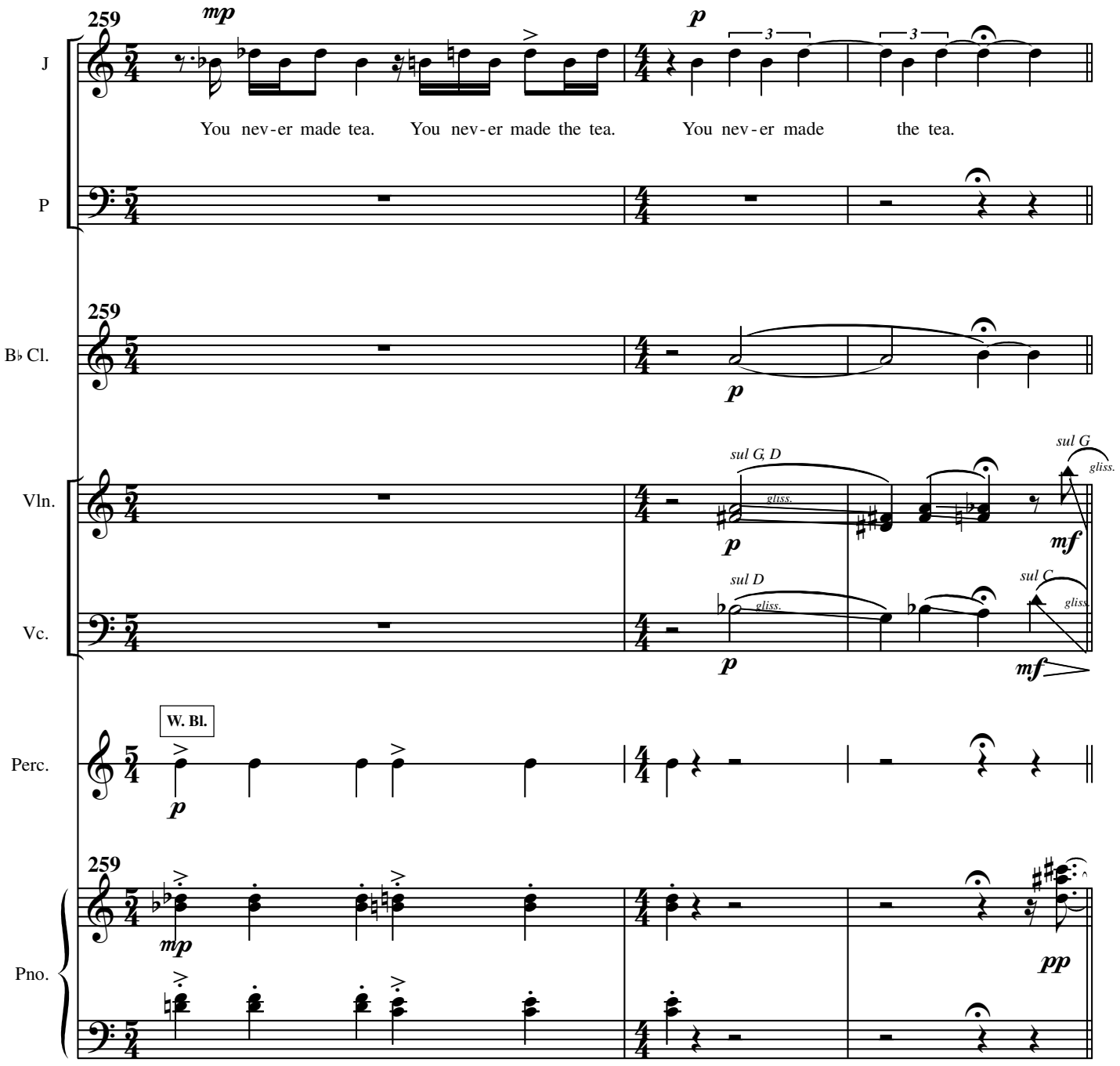
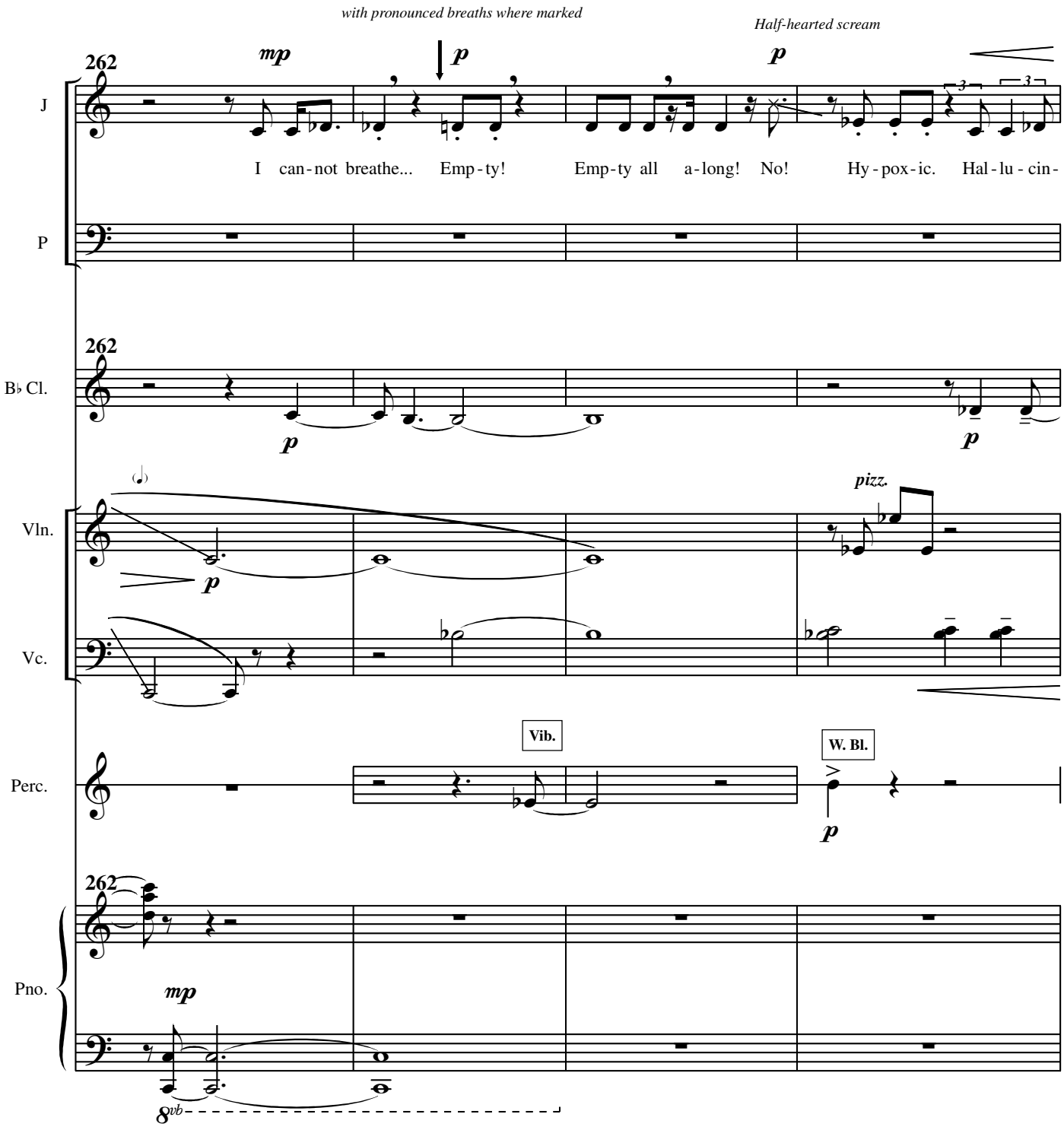
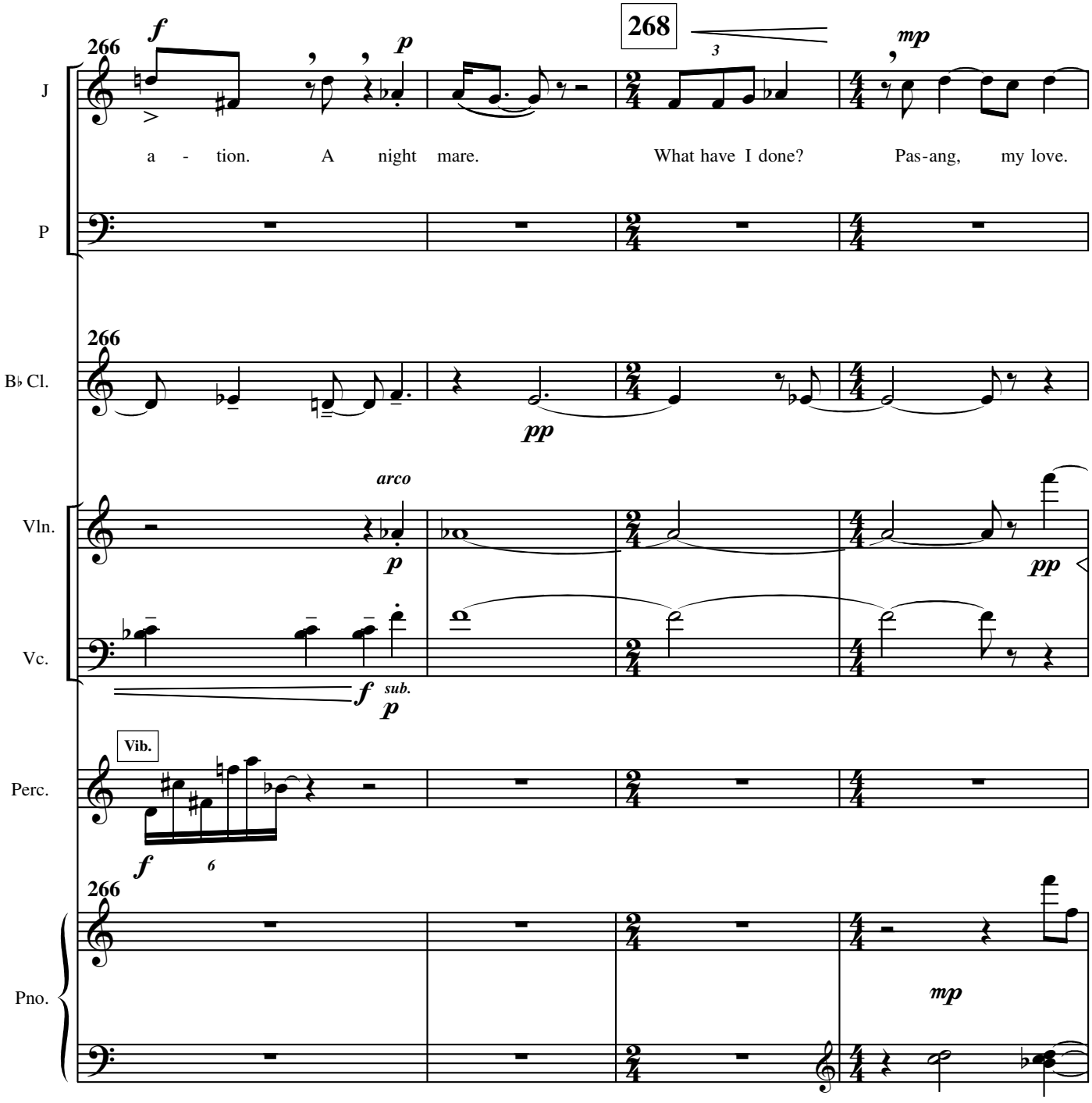
TRGL
248
Pno.

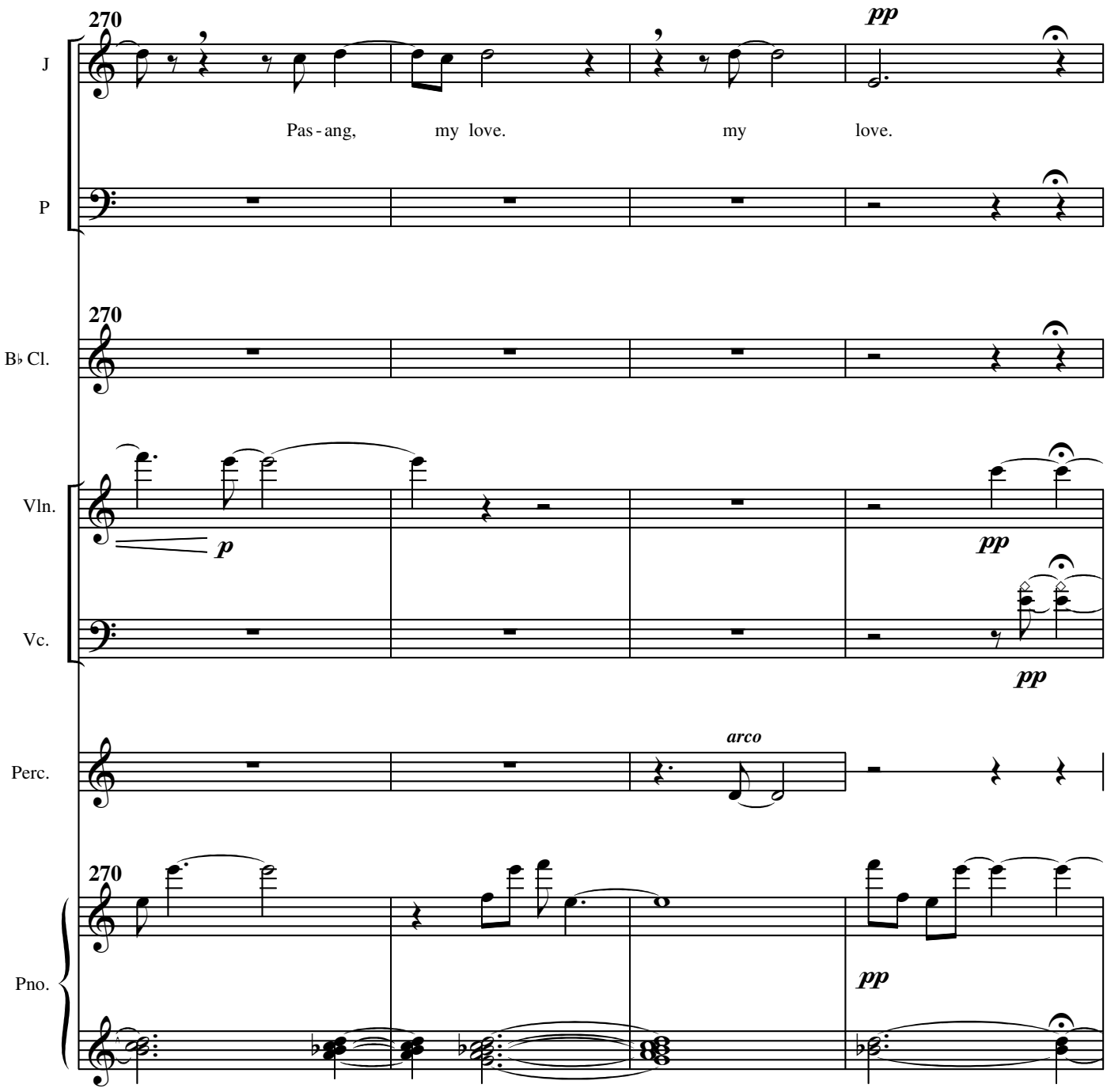

252
J
Was it min-utes or hours a - go... Was it min-utes or was it was it min-utes or hours a - go...Hours...
P
252
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
W. Bl.
Perc.
252
Pno.
sub.

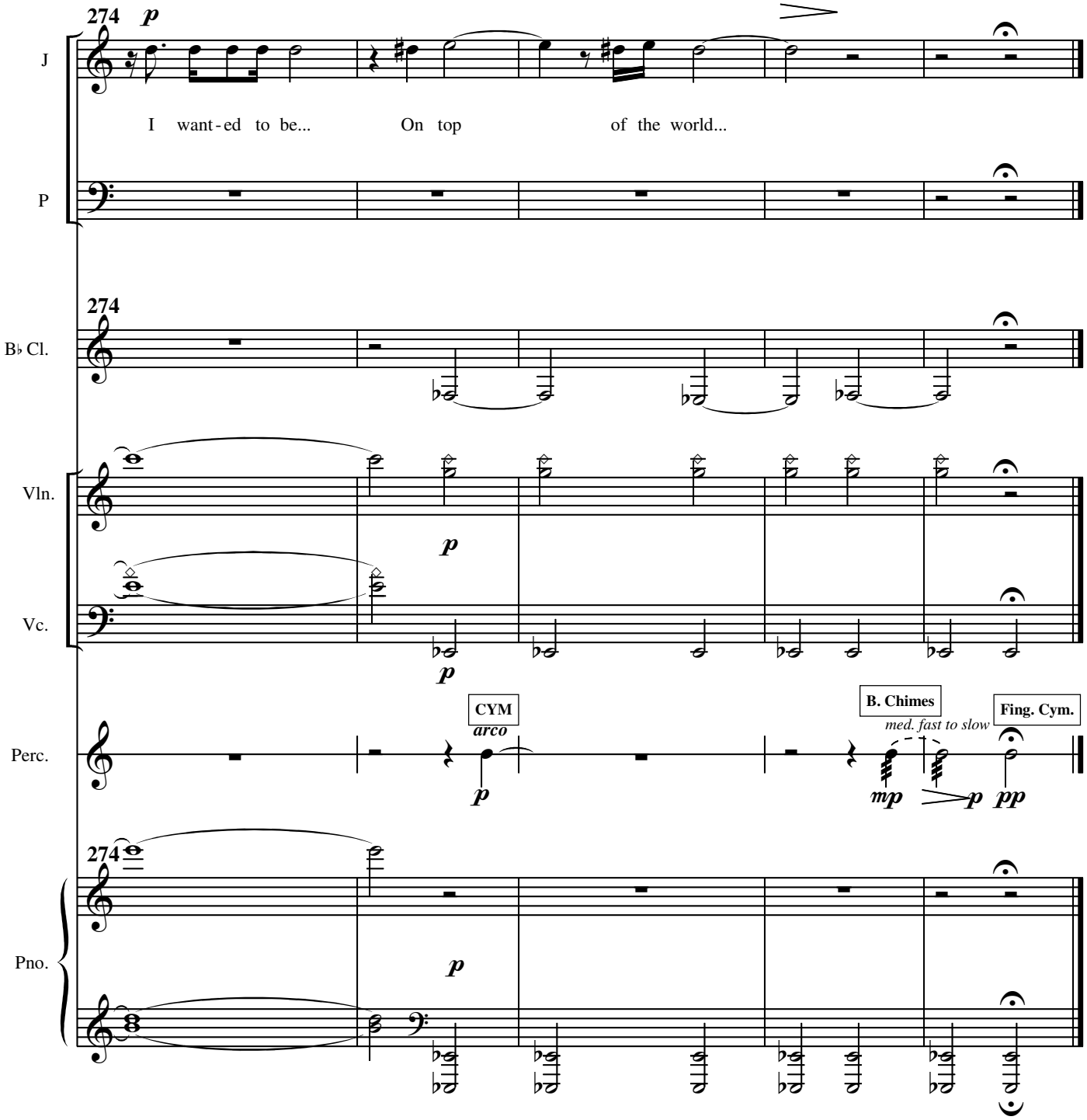

256
256
p
3
f
3
p
J
Oh my God... It was hours It was hours a - go...
P
256
B♭ Cl.
pp
sul pont.
Vln.
pp
sul pont.
Vc.
pp
TAM TAM
Perc.
arco
256
Pno.


259
J
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
Vc.
Perc.
Pno.
mp
p
3
3
You nev-er made tea.
You nev-er made the tea.
You nev-er made
the tea.
sul G, D
gliss.
sul G
gliss.
mf
sul D
gliss.
sul C
gliss.
mf
W. Bl.
pp


with pronounced breaths where marked
Half-hearted scream
262
mp
p
p
J
I can-not breathe... Emp-ty! Emp-ty all a-long! No! Hy-pox-ic. Hal-lu-cin-
P
262
B♭ Cl.
p
p
Vln.
p
pizz.
Vc.
Vib.
W. Bl.
Perc.
p
262
Pno.
mp
8vb


266
268
J
a - tion. A night mare. What have I done? Pas-ang, my love.
P
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
arco
Vc.
sub.
Vib.
Perc.
Pno.


270
J
Pas - ang, my love. my love.
P
270
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
p
pp
Vc.
pp
Perc.
arco
270
Pno.
pp


274
p
J
I want-ed to be... On top of the world...
P
274
B♭ Cl.
Vln.
p
Vc.
p
CYM
arco
p
B. Chimes
med. fast to slow
Fing. Cym.
mp
p
pp
Perc.
274
p
Pno.